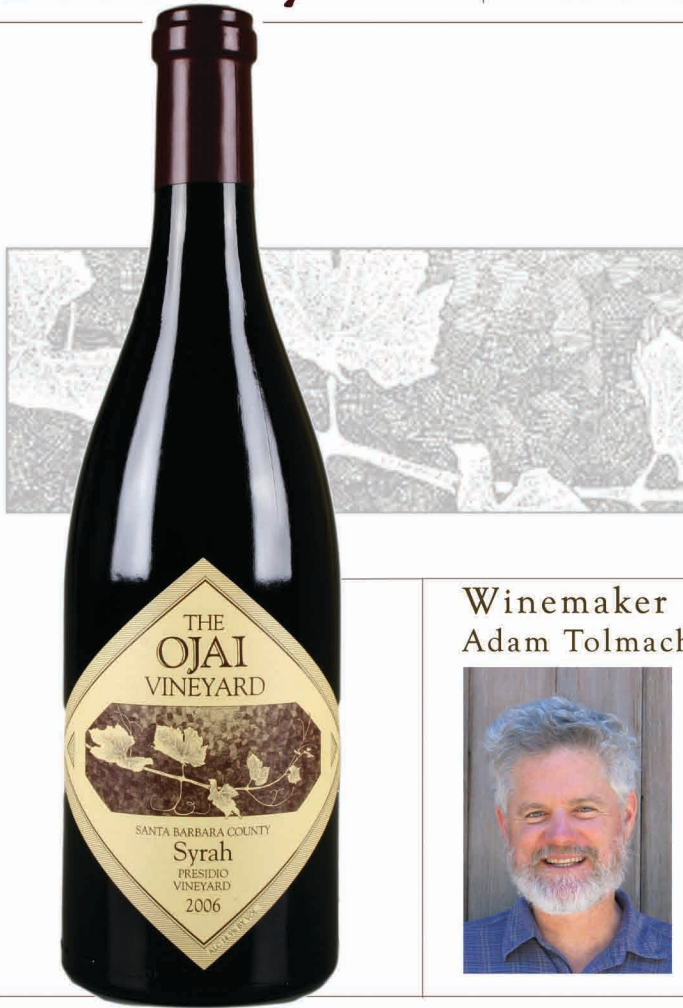


2006 Syrah | Presidio Vineyard, Santa Barbara County



Winemaker
Adam Tolmach



Blend: 100% Syrah
Vineyard: Presidio
AVA: Santa Barbara County
Alcohol: 14.5%
Vinification: 20% New French Oak
Barrel Aging: 11 Months
Total Production: 196 Cases



Winemakers Notes

Cool climate syrah rules! This biodynamically grown vineyard west of Santa Rita Hills produces our most exotic syrah. Some people thought you couldn't grow grapes here on the edge of Lompoc, but Doug Braun proved them wrong with his fabulous vineyard near La Purisima Mission. This fully ripened wine is a powerhouse, but thanks to the ever-present cool ocean breezes, it possesses a fine balance of concentrated cranberry fruit and lovely peppery-ness. The striking flavors of sandalwood, pepper and exotic spices linger on the palate. Perhaps our best syrah to date—and one built to age gracefully for at least ten more years.

Vinification

The fruit is destemmed into 3.5 ton stainless steel fermenters and chilled to 45° F. After a six day cold soak native yeast began fermenting the sugars into alcohol. We punched down (mixed) the grapes three times a day in the initial phase of fermentation. As the yeast produced alcohol, we decreased the number of punch downs to avoid extracting too much tannin. When the fermentation was complete the wine was pressed, separating the liquid from the grape skins and seeds. After a 48 hour settling the new wine was racked into French oak barrels, 20% which were new. The wine was left untouched until August, when it was gently racked, pulling away the clear wine and leaving the yeasty sediment.

Press Reviews

Robert Parkers's Wine Advocate

"The 2006 Syrah Presidio is super-impressive. An exciting array of dark fruit, leather, spices and licorice emerges from the glass in this vibrant, powerful wine. The Presidio possesses gorgeous depth and complexity, with hints of tobacco, leather, licorice and cedar that add further nuance on the muscular finish. Presidio is a biodynamically farmed vineyard. Anticipated maturity: 2014-2026."

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