



2019 SYRAH ROLL RANCH

VENTURA COUNTY

TASTING NOTE:

This ripe, powerhouse Syrah is deep and earthy at first, then with some air the high notes come forward, showing lifted scents of violets, dark rose and savory herbs that mingle with the sweet promise of black cherry and apricots. Per usual, the palate is rich and muscular. There's lots of impact with muddled berries and crème de violette. That's all framed by earthy cocoa notes, peppery herbs, and a powerful structure of fine stemmy tannins and minerality. It's an especially pretty and beguiling example of Roll Ranch, with no shortage of power for this wine's ardent fans.

VINTAGE & WINEMAKING:

2019 was just an ideal year for grape growing in our region. The cool Spring led to a later start for the vines, then onshore coastal weather dominated throughout veraison. We picked these grapes on September 16th, a good couple weeks later than usual. Most of this fruit was fermented as whole-clusters (71%), as we've done for the past several years. Roll Ranch's fruity exuberance benefits from the botanical overlay of the stems, plus the tannins are finer, broader and spicier.

After loading the tanks with whole-clusters (including a bit of Viognier) we smother those with destemmed fruit, then add our house-cultured yeast (derived from fruit picked while sampling) and gently pumped over the juice until the wine became dry. It was then aged in French oak barrels (21% new) for 22 months. Bottled unfiltered and unfined.

PRESS REVIEWS

Antonio Galloni's VINOUS

"The 2019 Syrah Roll Ranch is absolutely gorgeous. Hints of blood orange, spice, incense, mint, rose petal and sweet red berry infuse the 2019 with striking exoticism. The 60% whole clusters works so well in the Roll Ranch. This deceptively mid-weight Syrah is packed with flavor and character."

94 Points, AG

BLEND 98% Syrah, 2% Viognier

VINEYARDS Roll Ranch

AVA Ventura County

ALCOHOL 15.0%

VINIFICATION 71% whole cluster fermentation, pumped over

BARREL AGING 22 months in French Oak, 21% new

TOTAL PRODUCTION 330 Cases

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