



2020 SYRAH ROLL RANCH

VENTURA COUNTY

VINTAGE & WINEMAKING:

2020 was a sunny and hot vintage. That brought a ripe stance to this wine, but we dodged a real slug of a bullet having this fruit ready just days before it hit a 120 degrees in Ojai. The fruit was picked on August 29th, and it came in with relatively high sugars but also super high acidity. Most of the fruit was loaded into open-top tanks as whole-clusters (73%) with a bit of Viognier at the bottom. No sulphur was added at crush. We immediately inoculated with our house-cultured native yeast (derived from fruit picked while sampling) and gently pumped over the juice twice a day until the wine became dry. It was then aged in French oak barrels (15% new) for 16 months, with just one racking before bottling. Like almost all our reds, it was bottled unfiltered and unfinned with minimal effective sulfur.

PRESS REVIEWS

Jeb Dunnuck

"The 2020 Syrah Roll Ranch Vineyard comes from a warmer site not far from Ojai, and while I'm not sure about the blend of the 2020, this cuvée can normally include a little bit of Viognier. Its deep ruby/purple hue leads to a more medium to full-bodied, rounded, plush profile that includes red plum and blue fruits, sweet, velvety tannins, classic notes of peppery herbs, violets, and orange blossom, and a great finish. It's another prodigious, incredibly impressive Syrah that readers will love to have in their cellars. It will evolve for at least 15 years." **94+ Points**

VINOUS, Antonio Galloni

"The 2020 Syrah Roll Ranch is laced with dark red cherry, tobacco, cedar, mint and earthy notes. In this vintage, the Roll Ranch is one of the more aromatic and approachable Syrahs in the range. It offers lovely upfront appeal, if perhaps a bit less seriousness than the other bottlings. Even so, all the elements are very nicely balanced. A closing flourish of red-toned fruit, cedar, tobacco and incense lingers." **92 Points**

BLEND 98% Syrah, 2% Viognier

VINEYARDS Roll Ranch

AVA Ventura County

ALCOHOL 15.0%

VINIFICATION 73% whole cluster fermentation, pumped over

BARREL AGING 16 months in French Oak, 15% new

TOTAL PRODUCTION 313 Cases

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