



# 2021 SYRAH ROLL RANCH VENTURA COUNTY

## VINEYARD:

Roll Ranch is located in the Upper Ojai Valley, close to the dramatic stratified bluffs of the Topa Topa Mountains. It's a warm-climate site, so the Syrah is a different beast than our sites in Santa Barbara County. And what a beast it used to be! Over many years we've tinkered with our winemaking to bring more finesse to this Syrah, which used to demand so much time because of its tannins, tightness, and ultra-concentrated fruit.

Starting in 2021 we've been using more and more whole-clusters (around 70% now) to weave in resinous botanical elements that complicate this wine's big core of fruitiness. This leads to lighter extraction—which is great when a vineyard wants to give so much—and provides a fresh, lifted carbonic quality. Still, tasting the 2012 these days we've found the wine is aging beautifully with a still vibrant florality.

## PRESS REVIEWS

### Jeb Dunnuck

"The 2021 Syrah Roll Ranch Vineyard is terrific, with a deep purple hue as well as a beautiful array of beautiful darker cherries, red plums, pepper, bouquet garni, and hints of violets. It's beautifully textured, medium-bodied, has flawless balance, and fine yet certainly present tannins. It's one of my favorite vintages of this cuvée." **96 Points**

### VINOUS, Antonio Galloni

"The 2021 Syrah Roll Ranch is a bit more extroverted than the other Ojai Syrahs. It offers a beguiling mix of intense dark blue/purplish fruit intermingled with strong savory, floral and earthy notes. This exotic, layered Syrah exudes balance and class." **93 Points**

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**BLEND** 98% Syrah, 2% Viognier

**VINEYARDS** Roll Ranch

**AVA** Ventura County

**ALCOHOL** 15.0%

**VINIFICATION** 84% whole-cluster native fermentation, pumped over

**BARREL AGING** 20 months in French Oak, 16% new

**TOTAL PRODUCTION** 287 Cases

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