

100% Syrah

Alcohol 14.5% pH 3.63 TA 5.9 g/L Production 193 cases

**Peak Drinking:** The persistent structure and concentration should ensure drinking pleasure over the next 10-15+ years.



## 2020 Black Oak Syrah

Santa Barbara County

Black Oak Syrah is an old vine vineyard located in the newly designated Alisos Canyon appellation and this is our 18th year of working with this gnarled site. It is planted to Syrah Clone 877. We believe this wine is the one of the most age-worthy of our single vineyard Syrahs and from a very rugged and vineyard.

Vineyard Region: Alisos Canyon AVA

Vintage Conditions: Santa Barbara County had a cool spring and mild summer temperatures that extended the growing season. Harvest began in the last half of August and the weather that followed had the usual summer heat waves. It was a very quick and even harvest with yields that were average to below average helping to produce pronounced flavors and aromatics. Most importantly for us is that we did not have the fires that plagued the vineyards to the north. We are very happy with the quality of the wine and the "numbers" (pH, TA, Alc.) have been right on resulting in very balanced wines.

**Maturation:** This wine was matured for 18 months in seasoned and 38% new Ermitage French oak barriques. Never racked until bottled. This wine is made in a reductive manner and it will be at its best when decanted or aged.

Color: Beautiful blue and black nuances.

**Aroma:** Wild blue and black briary fruits mixed with exotic aromas of purple flowers, anise, baking spice and saddle.

**Palate:** Concentrated, rich and full-bodied mouthfeel. Intense and expansive on the palate yet somehow retains an elegance and refreshing component. Syrah for grilled meats, particularly lamb, grilled vegetables and other wild game.