



Variety **Syrah**

Vintage: 2005

Appellation: Paso Robles

Production: 781 cases

Notes: The 2005 Syrah is magenta red and purple in color. Dark fruits such as blackberry, cherry, & blueberry dominate the bouquet, complimented by a touch of oak spice and nutmeg. These dark fruits carry through to the mid pallet and finish with soft fruit, vanilla, oak and spice.

Growing Season

2005 was a unique season in many ways. Most of the vineyards had a pretty tough time of it for the past 3 years with very little annual rainfall. The heavens opened up in 2005 allowing the soils to be revitalized and the vines to rebound with abundant spring growth. It was a year for careful vineyard manipulation and irrigation timing. The major issue was crop management. With this in check, we were able to produce wines with wonderful varietal fruitiness.

Vineyards

The 2005 Syrah was produced from Kiler Canyon Vineyard, a small single vineyard located on the Westside of Paso Robles. The vineyard is dedicated to Rhone varietals and is planted to specific clones of Syrah and Viognier

Winemaker Notes

With a focus on producing Rhone varietals from the Westside of Paso Robles, the 2005 Syrah was selected from the best small lots, harvested from the Kiler Canyon Vineyard. The grapes were hand picked in the vineyard and then hand sorted in the winery.

Each small lot was de-stemmed and crushed and fermentation was initiated with specifically selected yeast strains. Four-a-day punch-down began there-after and at the end of maceration, the free-run wine was separated from the press wine. Each lot was fermented and aged separately until final blending.

The barrels used for each of our wines are carefully selected from artesian coopers, making barrels from the best forests within France, Eastern Europe, and America. The 2005 Syrah was aged for 15 months in new Hungarian and used French oak.

Technical Notes

Alcohol: 15.2%

Brix: 26.9

pH: 3.72

TA: 6.08g/L