



2000 Robert Craig Central Coast Syrah

Winemaker Notes

Our first Central Coast Syrah presents a unique fusion of grapes from two exceptional wine growing regions, Paso Robles and Los Olivos in Santa Barbara County. The Santa Barbara *terroir* imparts a distinctive southern Rhône character of bright red fruit and spice, while Paso Robles contributes wild berry and creamy tropical fruit elements. The result is a warm and inviting wine that builds in flavors and intensity from start to finish

Tasting Notes

Aroma: Very complex aromas of red fruit, rhubarb and pepper, followed by creamy butterscotch, hazelnut and clove notes. *Flavors:* Round, mouth-filling flavors begin with luscious red berry, leading into blueberry and wild berry with hints of mango and papaya. *Finish:* Mid-palate flavors gain in complexity with spicy, earthy elements of sweet cardamom, cinnamon and pine, finishing with long-lasting cream and vanilla. *General:* Combining the best of two premier Syrah regions, this silky, balanced presentation offers generous, multi-layered varietal flavors, backed by round, ripe tannins.

Wine Information

Harvest dates: October 13

Average sugar: 25.2 ° Brix

TA: .60

pH: 3.70

Alcohol: 14.2%

Barrel Aging: 18 months, using 66% French and 34% American barrels

Blend: 96% Syrah, 4% Merlot

Bottling Date: April 2002

Total Production: 525 cases

Price: California suggested retail price is \$28.00 per bottle.

Release date: July 2002