



2002 Robert Craig Central Coast Syrah

Blend: 100% Syrah
Total Production: 550 cases

Winemaker Notes

Robert Craig's Central Coast Syrah combines the best of the Central Coast's growing regions: the cool Los Olivos (Santa Ynez Valley) near Santa Barbara and the warmer-climate vineyards of Paso Robles to the north. The Los Olivos *terroir* imparts the grace and elegance of a southern Rhône wine, while Paso Robles contributes bright berry and creamy tropical fruit flavors.

Vineyard Characteristics

The hillside vineyard source overlooking Santa Ynez Valley is characterized by a high concentration of sand and limestone, while the ancient riverbed vineyard site in Paso Robles contains rocky, alluvial soils. Both vineyards possess excellent drainage properties that promote low yields and intense fruit flavors.

Tasting Notes

Aroma: Forward aromas of blackberry, huckleberry, licorice and cream. *Flavors:* Mouth-filling blackberry expands into blueberry and tropical fruits. *Finish:* Round, velvety texture showcases mixed berries and a hint of warm spice in a long-lived finish. *General:* The fusion of two premier Syrah regions delivers a supple, fragrant wine bursting with fruit, finely textured tannins and a distinctive varietal character.

Wine Information

Harvest dates: September 28
Average sugar: 25.8 ° Brix
TA: .62
pH: 3.64
Alcohol: 14.6%
Barrel Aging: 20 months in French oak
Bottling Date: July 2004
Price: California suggested retail price is \$28.00 per bottle.
Release date: June 2005