

Syrah Sonoma Coast

VINEYARDS

Appellation Sonoma Coast

Sites 91.3% Cole Creek Vineyard and 8.7% Rodgers Creek Vineyard.

Planted Both vineyards were planted to our specifications - Cole Creek Vineyard in 2006 and

Rodgers Creek Vineyard in 2002.

Soil & Clonal Selection Cole Creek Vineyard has very gravelly Felta clay loam. It is planted with Syrah Alban

Selection, Clone 174 and a special Australian selection, and 5.6% Viognier. Rodgers Creek Vineyard has poor volcanic soils and is planted with Syrah 877and 5% Viognier.

VINTAGE

Growing Season The 2012 growing season was close to ideal with temperate and steady temperatures

that produced a long, moderate growing season with extended hang time and even ripening. In the cool reaches of the Sonoma Coast, harvest waited until the middle

two weeks of October.

Harvest Dates October 1st from Cole Creek Vineyard and October 12th from Rodgers Creek Vineyard

Brix at Harvest 24.7° average

WINEMAKING

Varietal Compositon 94% Syrah and 6% Viognier, co-fermented including 25% whole Syrah clusters

Fermentation Native-yeast barrel fermentation and full malolactic fermentation

Aging The wine rested *sur lies* for 17 months in 28% new French barrels from François Frère

and Demptos. Our 2012 Sonoma Coast Syrah was bottled without filtration in June,

2014.

Cases 900

Alcohol 14.5%

Release Date July 2014

Our Syrahs are grown in the cool climate of the Sonoma Coast which offers a style reminiscent of the Northern Rhone regions of Hermitage and Cornas: aromas and flavors of smoked meat, white pepper, green olive and grapefruit, coupled with a silky texture and savory flavor. — David Ramey