

# 2013 SYRAH

## John Sebastiano Vineyard SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

427 CASES PRODUCED

Recently, at a dinner party, I met a couple who assumed all California syrah was sweet, fruity and high in alcohol and they were both sure that the wine I was about to serve them was not something they would like. But I convinced them to try a sip of this 2013 bottling from John Sebastiano vineyard, explaining that it had a lot more in common with the lively wines from the northern Rhone Valley of France—there syrah is exotic, peppery, and marked by savory and earthy characteristics and is almost always quite moderate in alcohol.

Taste is such a personal thing so I had no idea what they would think, but was gratified they took an immediate liking to this wine. Here at the winery we think it's the cat's meow, it has a big personality that possesses great elegance.

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**BLEND** 100% Syrah

**VINEYARDS** John Sebastiano

**LOCATION** Santa Barbara County

**ALCOHOL** 13.5%

**VINIFICATION** 100% Neutral French Oak

**BARREL AGING** 20 Months

**TOTAL PRODUCTION** 427 Cases

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### PRESS REVIEWS

#### Antonio Galloni's Vinous

"The 2013 Syrah John Sebastiano Vineyard is an intense, brooding wine, full of black fruit, smoke, leather, juniper berry and savory herb nuances. The huge, powerful tannins are going to require a few years of cellaring to soften. This is another striking wine from Ojai with considerable upside." - AG 92+ Points

#### Robert Parker's Wine Advocate

"The 2013 Syrah John Sebastiano Vineyard is another beautifully pure, polished and rounded Syrah from Adam that gives up the classic Sta. Rita Hills aromas and flavors of black raspberry, olive brine, lavender, licorice and a certain saltiness that's so common from the region. Completely destemmed and from a windswept vineyard located on the warmer, eastern side of the appellation, this medium to full-bodied Syrah has no hard edges, a sexy, layered texture, solid balance and sweet tannin that come through on the finish. It's hard to resist already, yet it should continue to impress through 2025." - JD 93 Points

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