



2014 SYRAH

ROLL RANCH VINEYARD UPPER OJAI, VENTURA COUNTY

290 CASES PRODUCED

Roll Ranch is unusual. Most warm climate vineyards have no problem ripening fruit, the issue is whether they can produce balanced wines. Vineyards in warm sites generally turn out grapes with too much sugar and too little acidity, the resulting wines are often awkward. But at this site we are blessed with great balance.

Being a warm site we ferment the Roll Ranch in a fundamentally different way. We add a small portion of viognier to help propel the aromatics, and rely on fermenting with a majority of whole clusters to bring a spicy character to the wine. Making this wine has been a 19-year evolution. Learning how to listen to what a vineyard has to say and capturing its spirit is a slow process!

We were gratified to hear this wine recently received rave reviews from the critics, and I think you will enjoy it too. Drink now or watch it develop over the next 20 years, Roll Ranch wines age gracefully.

BLEND 98% Syrah 2% Viognier
VINEYARDS Roll Ranch
LOCATION Ventura County
ALCOHOL 13.5%
VINIFICATION 15% New French Oak
BARREL AGING 16 Months
TOTAL PRODUCTION 290 Cases

PRESS REVIEWS

Jeb Dunnuck

"Smoking good, the 2014 Syrah Roll Ranch is up with my favorite vintage of this cuvée. Seeing more and more whole cluster, it offers beautiful blueberry, violets, and pepper in an elegant, yet opulent style that's just a joy to drink." - JD 96 Points

Antonio Galloni's Vinous

"The 2014 Syrah Roll Ranch Vineyard is defined by its impulsive, reticent feel. Inward and totally shut down, the 2014 will need quite a bit of time to be at its most expressive. Today, it is the wine's persistence and sheer thrust that stand out most. The 2014 was done with 75% whole clusters. Drops of co-fermented Viognier round out the blend." – AG 94 points

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