

OUTWARD

2020 Santa Ynez Valley Syrah

vineyard

The 2020 Santa Ynez Valley Syrah comes from two different sites within 1 mile of each other located in between the towns of Solvang and Santa Ynez: the Pace Vineyard and Valley View Vineyard.

The Pace vineyard is farmed by Ryan's father and wine industry veteran, Randy Pace, and was planted by the Pace family in 2001. Valley View is owned and farmed by Santa Barbara wine country pioneer, Louis Lucas.

Both sites benefit from afternoon breezes that balance the bright, warm, sunny days that grace the Santa Ynez Valley. The area also benefits from wide-swinging diurnal shifts in temperature, which help to retain acidity in the fruit.

winemaking

The 2020 Santa Ynez Valley Syrah was harvested by hand on September 25, 2020.

The wine underwent a native yeast fermentation with 35% whole cluster inclusion and 5% Viognier. The wine spent 14 days on the skins before being gently basket-pressed and then transferred to neutral French oak barrels to age for 9 months. Minimal sulfur was added for stability before bottling without fining or filtration in June 2021.

tasting notes

The 2020 Santa Ynez Valley Syrah features notes of black pepper, violets, and olive brine, all lifted by a bouquet of bright red fruit. These flavors carry through to the palate and finish with a thread of long-lasting tannins.

details

- composition: 95% Syrah, 5% Viognier
- cases produced: 30
- harvest brix: 23
- alc: 13.5%
- pH: 3.69
- TA: 6.1 g/L
- RS: 0.1 g/L