



2010 Syrah- Central Coast

This wine is 99.5% syrah and .5% mourvedre and is blend of 8 different vineyards on the Central Coast: 24% Sawyer Lindquist in the Edna Valley; 21% Bien Nacido in the Santa Maria Valley; 20% Chabot in the Los Alamos area; 17% French Camp in Paso Robles; 9% Carriage in Paso Robles with the balance coming from Ibarra-Young, Windmill and Alisos vineyards all in the Santa Ynez area. It is 50% cool climate Santa Barbara County, 24% cool climate Edna Valley and 26% warm climate Paso Robles fruit.

The word that best describes this wine is cool. 2010 was a very cool year, the coolest I can remember until 2011 came along! This wine definitely reflects the coolness of the vintage and is distinctly different than the last few vintages. Other than the Paso Robles grapes (which were harvested in the 24 - 25° brix range), we barely saw any grapes above 23° and most were in the 22° range. The result is a wine that displays more of the spicy, racy and mineral aspects of syrah with a strong savory component and less of that jammy fruit. There is a freshness on the palate that carries through the finish. This is certainly the most "Northern Rhone-ish" of any of our Central Coast bottlings. If you're expecting a fruit bomb, you won't find it here!