



WINEMAKER NOTES

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Cases:	141
Appellation:	Sta. Rita Hills
Varietal composition:	100% Syrah
% Whole cluster:	100%
Soil at site:	Sand/DE/Limestone
Barrels Aging:	34 months 100% neutral French oak
Alcohol:	14.2%
Finished pH:	3.53

2014 VINTAGE

Another year of drought, with intense heat leading into harvest. Despite the hot, dry conditions, the vines produced big yields in fruit. Expect wines with strong fruit characteristics, juiciness, and wonderful accessibility. These are wines driven by primary red fruit characteristics and a bright acid profile.

ZOTOVICH VINEYARD

An optimal growing site for Syrah and other varieties, Zotovich Vineyard is comprised of 35 acres in the northern part of the Sta. Rita Hills between Buellton and Lompoc. The vineyard is made up of mostly diatomaceous earth and sandy loam soils that create intense, mineral-driven wines.

ACCOLADES

95 points - *Jeb Dunnuck* A classic, Northern Rhône-style Syrah is the 2014 Syrah Zotovich Vineyard, which comes from a cooler site in the Sta. Rita Hills. It offers terrific blackberry, peppery herbs, rocky minerality and ample gamey/olive notes in a ripe, medium to full-bodied, gorgeously textured package. With no hard edges, good concentration and a seamless finish, drink it anytime over the coming decade. -Jeb Dunnuck

93+ points - *The Wine Advocate* Sporting a medium to deep garnet-purple color and earthy/meaty nose of fertile loam, peppered salami and underbrush over a black cherry, cassis and preserved plums core, the 2014 Syrah Zotovich serves up a full main course of savory meat, pepper, herbs and spice box flavors, with firm, chewy tannins and seamless acid, finishing with great persistence. - Lisa Perrotti-Brown