



WINEMAKER NOTES

Complex and powerful aromatics of olive tapenade, cracked pepper, fennel, sage, cured meat. Silky-smooth on palate, this wine has elegance and weight all at once. Complexity on all fronts with depth to match. Tasting great now and will be a total stunner in 8-10 years.

WINEMAKING

Cases:	110
Appellation:	Sta. Rita Hills
Varietal composition:	100% Syrah
Clonal selection:	Clone 1
% Whole cluster:	100%
Soil at site:	Sand/DE/Limestone
Barrels Aging:	100% neutral French oak 22 months
Alcohol:	14.5%
Finished pH:	3.66
Finished TA:	6.0 g/L

2015 VINTAGE

A hot, drought year with exceptionally low yields. These conditions produced high-powered wines, loaded with intense fruit and tannin, and stuffed full of dark aromatics and big flavors. Save some for the cellar, these wines will stand the test of time.

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

93 points - *Vinous* The 2015 Syrah Zotovich Vineyard is bold, rich and super-concentrated, with tremendous aromatic savoriness from the 100% whole clusters that add nuance to a core of inky blue/purplish fruit. The Zotovich brings together the richness of this brutally hot, low-yielding vintage with cool-climate savoriness, a combination that is quite appealing. Black pepper, juniper berry, olive, sage and lavender add shades of nuance to this brooding, dense Syrah from SAMsARA. - Antonio Galloni

93 points - *The Wine Enthusiast* Concentrated aromas of blackberry syrup are lifted by pepper, gamy meats and a touch of oak on the nose of this bottling. Rich black-plum and black-currant flavors meet with charred meats, white pepper, rosemary and violet on the palate. - Matt Kettmann