



2016 SYRAH

JOHN SEBASTIANO
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

307 CASES PRODUCED

John Sebastiano Vineyard was planted in 2007 and produced its first crop in 2010. It's located on the northeastern edge of the Santa Rita Hills appellation way up in the hills so it catches the ferocious winds that come in from the ocean at Vandenberg Air Force Base. The vines were planted on a steep western slope and the soil has quite a bit of clay with some shale-y bits that pop through here and there. The vines struggle to develop a full canopy of leaves and the fruit ripens late, but each year the wine possesses a complex ethereal aroma with a softness and approachability.

I've found over the years that either a vineyard has "it" or it doesn't, and right from the start John Sebastiano Syrah has possessed a strong cool climate personality and I just love it. The aroma and flavor are so compellingly exotic and complex, yet it's gentle and easygoing syrah, the tannins are silky and fine.

The 2016 has beautiful fruit aromas with layers of exotic spices which follow through on the palate layered with savory fruit notes. This delicious Syrah is great on it's own, and delicious with anything from BBQ chicken salad to a nice hearty stew.

BLEND 100% Syrah

VINEYARDS John Sebastiano

LOCATION Santa Barbara County

ALCOHOL 13%

BARREL AGING 16 Months in 20% New French Oak

TOTAL PRODUCTION 307 Cases

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