



2020 SYRAH ROLL RANCH VENTURA COUNTY

TASTING NOTE:

This 2020 Roll Ranch Syrah is a big and lusciously fruity Syrah, a product of the hot and sunny vintage. The terrific thing about this bottling is the way it melds very ripe fruit with layered aromatics and piercing freshness. The nose is heady with fruity scents of berry pie, black cherries and framboise. There's also that particular woody-spicy base note from thoroughly lignified stems, while violet liqueur and mint bring lift out of the glass. The palate is similar—a bombast of dark stone fruits and berries, round for a moment, but too driven to stay there. Halfway through it reveals its mineral spine and more of that warm stemmy spice, then it finishes with trebly raspberry and earthy cocoa.

VINTAGE & WINEMAKING:

2020 was a sunny and hot vintage. That brought a ripe stance to this wine, but we dodged a real slug of a bullet having this fruit ready just days before it hit a 120 degrees in Ojai. The fruit was picked on August 29th, and it came in with relatively high sugars but also super high acidity. Most of the fruit was loaded into open-top tanks as whole-clusters (73%) with a bit of Viognier at the bottom. No sulphur was added at crush. We immediately inoculated with our house-cultured native yeast (derived from fruit picked while sampling) and gently pumped over the juice twice a day until the wine became dry. It was then aged in French oak barrels (15% new) for 16 months, with just one racking before bottling. Like almost all our reds, it was bottled unfiltered and unfined with minimal effective sulfur.

BLEND 98% Syrah, 2% Viognier

VINEYARDS Roll Ranch

AVA Ventura County

ALCOHOL 15.0%

VINIFICATION 73% whole cluster fermentation, pumped over

BARREL AGING 16 months in French Oak, 15% new

TOTAL PRODUCTION 313 Cases

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