

BIANCHI

Paso Robles



SYRAH 2012

Bianchi Vineyards
Paso Robles, California

Winemaker
Tom Lane

Vintage

Bianchi Syrah grows on our Estate in the warm days and cool nights of Paso Robles' central upper bench-lands; an excellent mesoclimate for flavor and color development, while maintaining fruit flavors and a modicum of acid balance. With the recent fine-tuning of the Paso Robles appellation, our Estate falls within the heart of the Paso Robles Geneseo District. Vintage 2012 is our first harvest solely emphasizing Bianchi Estate Creekside Ranch fruit.

Harvest was early-ish in 2012 for a change, allowing flavor, seed and sugar ripeness with a more balanced acid structure. We crushed to tank and encouraged the special Andante yeast to transform the viniferous mass into wine of substantial feel and flavors. Andante is a yeast that maintains fruitiness due to its inability to produce the nasty hydrogen sulfide odor (rotten egg). We also doubled the time on skins before pressing to allow a silkier feel to the tactile tannins and resolve the Syrah blueberry/cranberry characters.

On the scale of Bianchi heartiness, our Syrah comes in heavier than Pinot Noir and lighter than Petite Sirah. We often enjoy Bianchi Syrah. Oh yes, as well as with several meaty food pairings. Soy sauce marinated, braised pork belly is just one that comes to mind.

Technical Notes

Varietal Composition:	Syrah 100%
Appellation:	100% Paso Robles
Residual Sugar:	0.03%
Acidity:	6.0 grams/Liter, pH 3.66
Aging:	18 months in predominantly French Oak Barrels
Finished Alcohol:	14.9% by Volume
Bottling Date:	August 28, 2014
Total Production:	403 cases of 750 mL bottles