

BIANCHI

2021 RESERVE SYRAH

VINEYARD + VINTAGE

The 2021 vintage of Syrah was grown at Lieff Roblar Vineyard in Santa Barbara County. The soil type is sandy, which often produces elegant, aromatic wines with low tannins, and a delicate yet complex flavor profile. Sandy soils also lead to excellent drainage, leading to a nutrient-poor environment that limits vine vigor, leading to more concentrated, aromatic grapes. The climate is mediterranean in the Los Olivos District, with warm days and cool nights—an ideal circumstance for Rhone varieties such as Syrah. These grapes saw extended hang time on the vines, which led to wonderful color development in the wine and velvety tannins.

VINIFICATION

A special syrah yeast was used for its ability to withstand higher alcohol and heat levels. We aged 35% of the vintage in new French oak for 22 months. Specifically, it was aged in Seguin Moreau Barrels imported from France, which enhance terroir expression in the wine. Further, these barrels have a medium-light toast level, which imparts some of the oak's character without overwhelming the fruit.

TASTING & PAIRING

Appearance: Deep color depth with a purple-ruby hue. *Aroma:* ripe red and black fruits fill the senses, such as black currant, blackberry, and raspberry jam. *Flavor:* dry, medium-full bodied, with notes of baking spices, raspberry jam, peppercorns, cool minerality, and notes of forest floor, coffee, tobacco, and savory notes of olives and meats.

This wine shows deep color depth with a mixture of both purple and ruby hues and a defined rim variation. On the nose, lots of ripe red and black fruits fill the senses, such as black currant, blackberry, and raspberry jam. Secondary notes of minerals such as chalk, and earthy aromas of smoke and leather are also present. The palate is dry, medium-full bodied, with notes of baking spices, raspberry jam, peppercorns, cool minerality, and notes of forest floor, coffee, tobacco, and savory notes of olives and meats. Classic pairings would include grilled lamb, grilled vegetables, any blue cheese or salty cheese, roquefort, duck, stewed or braised meats; we recommend BBQ, and of course, dark chocolate!



Varietal: 100% Syrah
Aging: 35% New French oak | 22 months
Clone: unknown
Vineyard: Lieff Roblar Vineyard
Appellation: Santa Barbara County
R/S: 0.11
Acidity: 3.75pH
ABV: 15%
Production: 108 cases
Harvest Date: 10/20/21
Bottling Date: 08/17/23



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