2011 West Side Red

Live Oak Vineyard, Jada Vineyard, Las Colinas Vineyard, Star Ranch Paso Robles, West Side





Elements

Our Red Blend sanctuary is the Paso Robles AVA, situated in the center of California's Central Coast, and more specifically the western boundary of the region, just a few miles from the Pacific Ocean on the inland side of the Santa Lucia mountains. Paso Robles offers soil diversity not found in other California wine growing regions, notably the calcareous rich soils created by volcanic and younger marine sedimentary rock, that combined with a relatively plentiful rainfall create ideal conditions for Syrah and other Rhone varietals.

Winemaking

Sanctuary West Side Red is a blend of great varieties grown by some of our favorite Paso Robles vineyards. The juice is fermented with selected yeast and undergoes prolonged skin contact to soften tannins and to increase concentration. The wine is pressed into French barrels to complete 100% malolactic fermentation and continues barrel aging for a total of 16 months until bottling.

Profile

Aroma: raspberry jam, red licorice, black cherries, floral and sweet spice notes

Mouthfeel: round and soft palate with a very juicy finish

Flavors: red berries jam, black cherries and a subtle toasty note

Specs

Appellation: Paso Robles

Varietal content: 90% Syrah, 6% Grenache, 4% Petite Sirah

Cases produced: 550

Alcohol: 14.2%

TA g/100 ml: 0.55

pH: 3.7

RS g/100ml: 0.05