

AUSTIN HOPE

2012 SYRAH

PASO ROBLES

Vineyards

The 2012 Austin Hope Syrah was grown on the Hope Family Vineyard, located just 20 miles from the Pacific Ocean in the Templeton Gap region of Paso Robles. The site's rocky soils of clay and limestone make it ideal for the Rhône varieties to which it is planted. Four Syrah clones are planted in separate blocks in the vineyard, all of which are high-density spaced, ranging from 1750 to 2400 plants per acre. The vines are managed carefully to keep cluster counts low, resulting in fruit with great intensity and rich berry flavors.

Harvest Notes

The 2012 growing season in California's Central Coast was a welcome surprise after two years of moderate harvests. 2012 was a record crop across the state, not only from a quantity standpoint, but quality as well. Ideal weather conditions -- just the right amount of rainfall and no major frost events -- allowed a wonderful fruit to set, enjoy a long growing season, and produced a bountiful crop. Harvest throughout October was exceptional.

Winemaking Notes

The 2012 blend is comprised of four Syrah clones -- 470, 383, Caldwell and Alban. Grapes were hand-picked and fermented separately by vineyard block, in five-ton, open-top tanks. After daily pump-overs (for color and tannin extraction) for 10 days, the wines were aged for 12 months in 100% new French oak barrels. The final blend was assembled and then placed back into barrels for three more months prior to bottling in February 2014.

Tasting Notes

The 2012 Austin Hope Syrah has a rich, deep purple color. It displays aromas of blackberry and earth. The textural wine has an invigorating acidity supporting flavors of blueberry, leather, and anise. The finish is long, with notes of smoked, herb-rubbed meats.

Oak program: 100% new; Boutes, Cloud Gille, d'Aquitaine, de Jarnac, Meyrieux, Sansaud, St. Martin, Sylvain

Appellation: Paso Robles

Vineyard: Hope Family Vineyard

Harvest dates: October 2014

Bottled: 2/19/2014

Production: 3,416 six-bottle cases

Alcohol: 15.50%

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ALC. 15.5% BY VOL.


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