



Casas del Bosque

Pequeñas Producciones

Syrah 2014

Winemaker: Meinard Bloem
Appellation: Casablanca Valley
Varietal: Syrah
Yields per Acre: 1.9 tons/acre
Wood treatment: French oak barrels
Length of barrel maturation: 18 months



UPC#: 697412000577

Alcohol: 14.5%
pH: 3.54
Total Acidity: 5.5 g/L
Residual Sugar: 4.7 g/L
Volatile Acidity: 0.83 g/l

Winemaker Notes: All fruit was sourced from our own vineyard - located within the coolest, western-most reaches of the Casablanca Valley. A blend of two different clones of Syrah (95% clone 300 and 5% "Caperana" field selection) from 8 year old vines. Sourced from hillside blocks planted on a red clay mixed with decomposed granite. The blocks used in this blend were cropped at an average of 4.8 tonnes per hectare (1.9 tons per acre). On arrival at the winery all grapes were first subjected to a whole cluster selection. This was followed by destemming (without crushing) and then an individual berry selection before being gravity fed to small open-top tanks. A 7 day cold soak (at 5°C/41°F) ensued after which time the must was warmed and inoculated with selected yeasts and fermented during 6 days with temperatures peaking at 32°C/90°F. During fermentation the vats were hand-plunged twice daily in order to extract the ideal amount of tannin and colour. Following the completion of fermentation the must was subjected to an additional 3 days of post fermentation maceration (to give a total of 16 days skin contact). The newly fermented wine was then drained (by gravity) to a mixture of new (60%) and 2nd use (40%) French oak barrels for 18 months during which time it was racked twice: once in the Spring (upon the completion of malolactic fermentation) and then once again in Autumn shortly before bottling. After bottling the finished wine was carefully aged for three months in our cellar prior to release.

Tasting Notes: Deep purple in color. On the nose lifted notes of blackcurrant, violet and lavender dominate with just a hint of tar. In the mouth flavours of dark chocolate, truffle and liquorice combine with a vibrant acidity and svelte tannins leading to a long, juicy finish.

Scores:

93 pts James Suckling

A rich and dense red with dried dark fruits such as blackberry and hints of strawberry. Full body, polished and firm tannins. So long and very intense. Need two or three years to soften. 300 cases made

90 pts Wine Spectator 4/30/18

A big rich and ripe red, with plenty of roasted plum, berry and dark cherry flavors that are layered with intense Asian spice notes. Accents of forest floor, bacon and dark chocolate show on the savory finish.