



2014  
SYRAH

Clayhouse  
VINEYARD

## 2014 CLAYHOUSE SYRAH RED CEDAR VINEYARD, PASO ROBLES

### VINTAGE DESCRIPTION

In spite of drought conditions, the weather for the 2014 vintage was very good for wine grapes, and provided an abundant and high-quality crop. Good fortune years like this are a blessing, and the wines show good depth of character.

### TASTING NOTES

Deep purple-garnet color, with aromas of violets, liquorice, cloves, and blackberry. The wine is medium-weight on the palate, with smooth rounded tannins that balance the juicy, sweet, ripe raspberry and blackberry fruit. There are tantalizing undertones of fresh anise. This Syrah finishes with light-smoke-spice and a lingering vanilla warmth.

**Grape Source:** Red Cedar Vineyard, Paso Robles AVA

**Varietal Composition:** 84% Syrah, 15% Petite Sirah, 1% Viognier

**Processing:** Grapes were de-stemmed directly to stainless steel fermenters, without crushing. We allowed the must to cold-soak for 3 days before beginning fermentation. After 17 days on the skins, the new wine was pressed at dryness. After pressing, the wine was settled for 3 days, then racked off its gross lees to mature 9 months in a combination of American, French, and Hungarian oak.

**Maturation:** Aged 9 months in a combination of French, American and Hungarian oak

**pH at bottling:** 3.80

**TA at bottling:** 6.0 g/l

**Alcohol:** 13.5%

**Bottling Date:** August 10, 2015



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