



2012 colson canyon vineyard syrah santa barbara county

wine information

Appellation	Santa Barbara County
Vineyard	Colson Canyon planted 1998
Soil	Santa Lucia Channery Shaly Clay Loam
Clones	877
Oak	Neutral
Cellar Aging	22 months
Alcohol by Volume	16.5%
pH	3.74
TA	5.9 g/L
Brix at Harvest	26.5
Harvest Date	October 16, 2012
Bottling Date	August 11, 2014
Cases Produced	165
Magnum Cases	5

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James Ontiveros and Paul Wilkins have travelled many roads that have all led to here. With a couple of friends in college, they bonded over a burgeoning interest in wine. Interest grew into obsession and obsession was fused into the most conventional aspects of their youth. They spent and sacrificed more than many their age to become veterans in their fields. Then, they moved away and lost touch as life unfolded before them.

Over time, each was drawn to a region of quiet treasure: the Santa Maria Valley. James' vineyard set upon his family's ranch was the setting of the reunion of these two friends. This time, they were prepared to turn each other's passion into a partnership which seems to have been waiting for them all along. From there, they have shared affinity for all things homespun, historical and honest, which reflects the unflappable authenticity of the Santa Maria Valley.

Alta Maria Vineyards has become their tribute to the seldom heralded excellence of this regions' vineyards, climate, geography and the people who have known this all along.



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