



## 2000 Santa Barbara County Syrah

This wine is a blend of 86% Syrah from the Morehouse, Carhartt, Vogelzang, Tinaquaic, and Colson Vineyards combined with 14% Mourvedre from Rothberg and Vogelzang Vineyards. Both, Rothberg and Morehouse Vineyards are farmed by Foxen. The Tinaquaic Vineyard is Foxens' estate vineyard, which is dry farmed.

The fruit was picked very ripe than de-stemmed before whole-berry fermentation. This wine fermented in individual lots in small open top fermenters. The fermentations lasted approximately ten days. The wine was pressed off and barreled in French Oak (25% new François Frères barrels: coopered especially for Foxen). The wine had a single racking after four months in barrel, where it was than returned to barrel for twelve more months.

This wine shows red and black fruit, roasted coffee, cocoa, white pepper, and smoky bacon fat. This wine displays earthy gamey characteristics on the palate.

Production: 1000 cases