



2004 Williamson-Doré Vineyard Syrah Santa Ynez Valley

Planted in 1999 by Dick and Jenny, the Williamson Doré Vineyard is a family affair. This seven-acre vineyard is located in the eastern portion of the Santa Ynez Valley, near Happy Canyon, where they make their home. The vineyard consists of four acres of Syrah.

Yields for Clone 174 were 2.4 tons per acre; Clone 877 were 1.9 tons per acre. The fruit was whole-berry de-stemmed into small open-top fermenters, and spent 10-15 days undergoing gentle extraction by “punch-downs”. It was de-juiced by gravity into 100% François Frères barrels (40% new) where it then aged 16 months before being bottled, unfiltered and unfiltered on March 13, 2006.

Vineyard Composition:

60% - Clone 174

40% - Clone 877

Reviews:

92 Points — The Wine Advocate

The inky/blue/purple-hued 2004 Syrah Williamson Dore Vineyard boasts classic southern France-like notes of roasted herbs, sweet and sour cherries, blackberries, loamy soil, pepper, and incense. It is full-bodied and superbly concentrated, with great intensity, moderately high tannin, and enough glycerin, flavor, and fruit to back up its impressive structure. It should drink well for a decade or more. □ □ □ □ — Robert Parker, Jr

Production: 425 cases