

BLACK BEAR

2015 BLACK BEAR BLOCK SYRAH

The Black Bear Block is a 3 ½ acre block planted on its own roots in 1978. Named for the black bears that live around our vineyard, the Black Bear Block was the first Syrah vineyard planted in Santa Barbara County and is now the oldest remaining Syrah vineyard on the Central Coast.

After hand harvesting, the grapes were placed into small open top bins to ferment. During fermentation, the skins were punched-down by hand twice a day, for gentle extraction of tannins. After a two week fermentation, the wine was then pressed into French oak barrels and aged on its fine lees for 21 months.

Our 2015 Black Bear Block Syrah has a bouquet of blackberry, anise, black currant, and dried sage. The wine is graceful on the palate, showing hints of toasted oak spice, violet, and fine grain tannin. It has tension, energy, and depth, a pure reflection of our vineyard site.



APPELLATION
Santa Ynez Valley

COMPOSITION
100% Syrah

AGING
21 months in 20%
new French oak

VINEYARDS
Block | Black Bear
Block (Mesa H)

ALCOHOL
14.5%

PRODUCTION
106 cases

WINEMAKING AND VINEYARD TEAM

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