



2020 EIGHT BARREL SYRAH

The Story: The first vintage of Eight Barrel Syrah was created in 1993 out of an inquisitive nature from our past winemaker, Daniel Gehrs. Typically, wines are made by crushing grapes, allowing fermentation, pressing the grape skins and stems – or pomace – to extract all juice, and then moving the wine into barrel for aging. Eight Barrel Syrah was crafted by first allowing the wine juice to freely run out of the fermentation tanks off the grape skins and stems without pressing the pomace to release trapped wine. Then, we allowed the remaining trapped juice to slowly drain overnight into a separate collection, gradually extracting deep color and flavor from the grape skins. The collected volume of wine from that first vintage filled just eight barrels, and so it was christened “Eight Barrel”, a new and distinct bottling of Syrah. The wine’s opulent style caused its cult following to grow each year, so we no longer produce only eight barrels of the wine. We do, however, keep the name as a nod to the eight barrels of wine that started our tradition. Eight Barrel has since evolved into one of our most sought after wines, offering a more hedonistic option to our Syrah offerings.

The 2020 Eight Barrel Syrah features a captivating nose of dark blue and black fruit, elegant graphite, and delicate violets, accompanied by a subtle hint of light roast coffee. A symphony of flavors unfolds on the palate with prominent notes of blackberry, dark soy sauce, and coffee. Upon entry, crisp graphite notes carry over from the nose, followed by plush tannins. This wine will enhance the experience of grilled or braised beef dishes, hearty rustic stews, and rich mushroom dishes, such as a decadent mushroom Bourguignon.

APPELLATION
Santa Ynez Valley

COMPOSITION
100% Syrah

ALCOHOL
14.9%

VINEYARDS
Blocks | Mesa B,
Chapel G

AGING
19 months in 39%
new French oak

PRODUCTION
432 cases

WINEMAKING AND VINEYARD TEAM

Kristin, Randy, Agustin, Ruben, José, Angel, & Marlisa