



2012 Syrah  
Griffin's Lair Vineyard  
Sonoma Coast

This southwest-facing hillside is covered in coarse sand and gravel, which allows the vines roots to dig deeply and hang on tight as the wind whips across this slope. Traditional winemaking techniques, such as utilizing indigenous yeasts, foot-crushing 100% whole clusters, judicious extraction during fermentation and aging in neutral French oak barrels ensure that this wine is a pure expression of Sonoma Coast Syrah.

100% Syrah  
100% Whole cluster  
18-month elevage in neutral French oak  
pH 3.78  
14.1% abv  
274 cases bottled

Tasting Note:

Expressive, super-dark aromas of ripe blackberries, crm e de cassis, deep brown spices, crushed rocks and fresh, vibrant salt air soar from the this viscous Syrah. Very full-bodied and luscious, this wine is delicious now, but has firm tannins that will tame nicely when the wine is served alongside some grilled meat. Possibly the most complete and fruit-forward Griffins Lair we have ever bottled.

*95 pts (eRobertParker.com #216, Robert M. Parker, Jr., Dec. 2014) 94+ pts (Vinous, Antonio Galloni, Feb. 2014)*

*93 pts (IWC, Stephen Tanzer, May 2014)*