



2013 Syrah
Alder Springs Vineyard
Mendocino County

This high elevation site continues to amaze me. The dense creamy fruit has created massive wines for us in the past. The gentle handling of this vintage has balanced that creaminess with the verve and tension from this mountainous vineyard, probably one of the better wines we have bottled from this incomparable vineyard.

100% Syrah

100% Whole Cluster Fermented

Sustainably farmed

Clones 470 and 877 and selections Hermitage Noir and Alban PB

Steep decomposed sandstone slopes planted to multiple selections & clones at elevations over 1800

12-month elevage in neutral French Oak Barrels

77 cases bottled

Tasting Note:

Purple purple purple flowers, fruit and flavors. The sexy dense blue & purple fruit and brilliant violet pastilles scream mountain grown Syrah. Not over done, this wine walks the line with authority, a classically styled Syrah that wears its California fruit proudly while being balanced by the mineral, tar, smoke and spice. On par with any Syrah we have bottled.

93pts (Vinous, Antonio Galloni, Jan. 2016)

90-93 pts (eRobertParker.com #216, Robert M. Parker, Jr., Dec. 2014)