



## **Syrah Five Clone Central Coast, 2002**

The most important varietal of the Northern Rhône Valley, Syrah is quickly becoming one of the more notable grapes in America too.

This wine is perhaps the ultimate expression of complexity in a Drew wine. A unique blend of 100% Syrah from six different vineyards and five clones produces layers of aromas and flavors.

The grapes in Five Clone come from five vineyards in Santa Ynez, Alisos Canyon and Paso Robles. The grapes from each vineyard are all vinified separately, although in similar ways. The grapes were destemmed, but left as whole berries in small, open-top fermenters for a few days as a cool soak; the indigenous yeasts were allowed to just start fermenting before the juice was inoculated with our cultured yeast. The slow fermentation continued at low temperatures, with the cap of berries being punched down by hand only when necessary to keep the temperatures from climbing too high - usually once a day. When this fermentation finished, the must was pressed in our basket press and the resulting wine was allowed to settle in tanks for a couple of days before being placed in a mixture of new and old French and American oak barrels, about a third of the barrels are new.

This wine is dark purple with magenta hues. The nose is deep and complex with dark berry fruits and cherry licorice prevailing with cedar and spicy notes. The structure is soft and full with a pleasing balance between tannin, fruit weight and acid.



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40% Hallauer Vineyards, Santa Ynez; clone 1  
 30% Hearthstone Vineyards, Paso Robles; clone 6  
 10% Alisos Vineyard, Santa Barbara; clone Estrella  
 10% Windmill Vineyards, Santa Ynez; clone Tablas  
 5% Thompson Vineyard, Santa Barbara; clone Estrella  
 5% Rodney's Vineyard, Santa Ynez; clone Shenandoa

Barrels	Oak barriques 16 % new French Marsonnay 16% new American Virginia Nadalie 33% 2-year old Allier heavy toast 33% 3-year old Sirugue
<b>Finished Wine</b>	
Bottled	August 2003
Released	January 2003
Total Production	1,800 750ml bottles (150 cases)
Alcohol	13.8% by volume
TA	6.3 g/l
Ph	3.71



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