

Foley

2019

SYRAH

STA. RITA HILLS

The Brand Series honors the relatives of vintner Bill Foley who settled the Texas Panhandle in the 1840s as ranchers, cattlemen and Texas Rangers. These wines combine noteworthy barrels from superior sites within our estate vineyards to unveil a unique facet or interpretation of a designated variety.

VINEYARD

There's only one way to describe the Rancho Santa Rosa Vineyard: serene. Located in the Sta. Rita Hills AVA of Santa Barbara County, these stunning hillsides feature vines that climb from 500 to 1,000 feet above sea level. The soils are marine-based and the weather is consistently cool thanks to moist ocean breezes that swept the property daily. The vineyard is farmed with the painstaking care and attention usually associated with much smaller properties. In fact, this vineyard was originally conceived as a series of individual micro-vineyards delineated by soil, exposure, elevation, grade, rootstock and clone.

VINTAGE

The 2019 growing season was notably cooler than average through spring and summer, but a burst of heat around Labor Day gave us the push we needed to increase Brix levels to their seasonal average. The disease pressure was low, but an anomaly of hard frost the first week of October forced us to bring the fruit in a hurry. Mother Nature delivered a roller coaster of weather, but with it came nuance and diversity of fruit expression.

WINEMAKING

Our 2019 Syrah comes from the Syrah Noir clone, which is perfectly matched to our estate vineyard. After picking by hand, the grapes were carefully destemmed and transferred to open-top tanks for a three-day cold soak prior to inoculation. After roughly two weeks, the wine was pressed and raked into a combination of French, American and Hungarian oak barrels for 18 months of aging in 60% new oak.

TASTING

This wine is deep and dark, with seemingly endless layers of blue and black fruit, smoked meats, anise and espresso. Bold tannins are balanced with delicate barrel spice and vanilla bean details through the extensive finish.

APPELLATION	STA. RITA HILLS
VINEYARD	RANCHO SANTA ROSA EAST
COMPOSITION	100% SYRAH
COOPERAGE	60% NEW FRENCH, AMERICAN AND HUNGARIAN OAK
AGING	18 MONTHS
ALCOHOL	14.2%
TA	6.1 G/L
PH	3.89
BOTTLING DATE	JUNE 8, 2021
PRODUCTION	341 CASES

