SYRAH 2010 ANNA'S VINEYARD BLOCK 6 RESERVE

Anna's Estate Vineyard Syrah is a 15 acre south facing section situated in the Santa Lucia mountain range at an elevation of 1900 feet. Planted in 2001 and farmed under the "SIP" sustainable guidelines, it is composed of 5 subdivisions, each "block" an ENTAV certified clone on a variety of lime tolerant rootstocks. Block 6 is a 3 acre parcel on the steepest western edge of the Vineyard. Planted to the Tablas A Clone it lies on a shallow soils underlain with calcareous shale. This chalky subsoil adds a significant element of stress, reducing yields to 2 tons/acre, thus ensuring small berry size and a higher ratio of skin to juice. Outperforming other vineyard blocks with its density of fruit and pure definition of varietal character, it has been selected for the Reserve program.

With the cooler growing season of 2010, the delayed harvest allowed longer hang times, resulting in expressive fruit and the classic combination of viscosity and "nerve" (the French word for crisp natural fruit acidity). After three years of drought conditions, the El Nino weather pattern returned effectively raising the Pacific Ocean temperatures and promoting an uplift of moisture into the upper atmosphere. The 2010 harvest broke from the year's proceeding drought riddled harvests with vineyards being graced with above average rainfall, approaching as much as 40 inches in parts. The unique microclimate in the mountainous vineyards allowed for well-balanced and vibrant acidity for our Syrah 2010 Vintage.

"A beautiful Syrah, the 2010 Syrah Reserve Block 6 Anna's Estate Vineyard delivers a savory, layered profile with smoky black currants, raspberry, lead pencil, spice box and plenty of dried herbs to go with a medium to full-bodied, beautifully balanced palate. Rich, textured and structured, it should evolve gracefully for 10-12 years. Drink now-2022. Jeb Dunnuck.

93 points- Robert Parker Jr.'s The Wine Advocate.



VINEYARD DETAILS:

AVA: Westside Paso Robles

Vineyard: Anna's Estate Vineyard-Block 6

Elevation: 1,900 feet

Grade: 30%

Soil: Calcareous Limestone Clones: Tablas Clone A Rootstocks: 1103P Planted Acres: 3

VINTAGE DETAILS:

Varietal: 100% Syrah

Release Date: November, 2013 CA Suggested Retail: \$60.00

HARVEST DATES:

September 1, 2010

TECHNICAL DATA:

Alcohol: 14.9% pH: 3.60 TA: 5.8 g/L Brix: 26.2

Yield: 2.5 tons/acre

Fermentation: five ton open top fermentor tanks,

native yeast

COOPERAGE:

Barrel aged 22 months in 100% New French Oak Bottled: August 16, 2011 Unfined, unfiltered.