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2013 SYRAH



VINEYARD HISTORY

Jack Niven pioneered winegrape planting with Paragon Vineyard in the Edna Valley in 1973. Not the bystander type, his wife Catharine soon after began a project that grew into what is now Baileyana Winery. In the mid 1990s, their two sons, James and John, purchased property next door, and expanded Paragon Vineyard. They designed and planted these new blocks with select clones, varieties and rootstocks specific to the site. They named this section Firepeak, in homage of the extinct volcanoes in the area, and the resulting volcanic soils.

THE EDNA VALLEY

The coolest growing region in all of California, as cited in a study by Southern Oregon University, the Edna Valley is a mere 5.4 miles from the Pacific Ocean. Consequently, the extended growing season allows grapes grown here to develop intense and complex varietal flavors, while achieving optimum maturity levels. Known as the "Dirt of the Devil," the soils in the northern portion of the valley are also unique. As Islay Hill is the most southern sibling in a chain of extinct volcanoes known as the Seven Sisters, volcanic remnants are combined with clay loam and rocky marine sediment, offering a distinct mix of nutrients and good drainage.

TASTING NOTES

Comments from Winemaker Christian Roguenant

"This is a cool climate Syrah, deep and concentrated. It is richly layered with white pepper, blueberry, mocha and raspberry notes. Crème brulee and spice characteristics are prevalent with rich, earthy undertones."

STATS

APPELLATION: Edna Valley

VINEYARD SOURCE: A micro selection of our very best Firepeak blocks and rows

VINEYARD CERTIFICATION: SIP Certified Sustainable

SOILS: Diablo series, clay loam, rocky marine sediment, volcanic remnants

CLONES: Graff, 877, 470

HARVEST DATES: October 16, 2013 and October 30, 2013

AVERAGE BRIX: 24.13

YEAST: SYR

FERMENTATION: Open top fermentation for 14-20 days at 78 degrees

BARREL REGIME: 17% new French oak and 21% new American oak

AGING: Aged for 18 months

BOTTLING DATES: April 27, 2015

ALCOHOL: 14.5%

TA: 7.05 g/l

PH: 3.53

CASES PRODUCED: 582 cases

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