



2020 SYRAH



Quality Syrah that's
approachable and food
friendly

Varietal Composition:
Syrah

Appellation:
Central Coast

Bottling Data:
pH: 3.83
Total Acidity: 0.70g/100mL
Alcohol: 15.0% by volume

Philosophy

The 2020 JUSTIN Syrah is a full-bodied New World take on a classic grape variety originally from the Northern Rhone in France. With complex character and versatility, this limited offering gets along well with a wide range of palates and food pairings, including a hearty dinner featuring flavorful meat dishes and rich starches.

Vintage Notes

2020 started with a dry, cool winter with normal budbreak at the end of March. Spring temperatures fluctuated between cool and warm weather with flowering progressing well for all varieties. Our first hot weather came in late May, a few weeks earlier than normal, and things continued to fluctuate until late July when veraison occurred. Intense heat began in late July and early August, continuing into September requiring intensive canopy management and the strategic use of shade cloth to protect our fruit during one of the warmest Augusts and early September periods that we had seen in many years. The syrah fruit in 2020 was meticulously tended to and was picked after reaching full physiological ripeness and maturity, boosting the deep concentration of flavors and overall balance of the finished wine.

Vinification

Fermentation: T-bins and stainless steel closed top tanks with UV43 yeast and twice daily punchdowns/ pumpovers

Maturation: 16 months barrel aging in French oak (22% new)

Tasting Notes by Jason Santos, Certified Sommelier

Appearance: Bright, with a deeply concentrated purple core that lightens toward the rim with a ruby/purple hue and moderately staining tears on the glass.

Aroma: Aromatic with ripe black cherry, plum, dried sage, vanilla, black pepper, leather and oak.

Palate: Full-bodied with mixed black fruits of currant, boysenberry and blackberry on entry and a savory mid-palate of black olive, toasted spice, leather and dried herbs. The medium to long finish is balanced with moderate tannins complimented with notes of ripe fruit and oak. The 2020 JUSTIN Syrah is a solid counterpart to the heartiest of dishes, because of its complexity and great balance of textures. Enjoy with a honey-glazed duck breast over butternut squash and farro-risotto or Kansas City style pork ribs and traditional sides.