



ROAR

2022 ROSELLA'S VINEYARD SYRAH

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Rosella's Vineyard is the first property we planted to vine, and is the northernmost of our vineyards. Planted in 1996, it wraps around our family home and is named for Rosella, Gary's wife. Its rows are often laced with fog and plush lemon trees flank its western edge. The sandy loam soil allows good drainage, encouraging deep vine roots that add complexity in the wines. Our wines from Rosella's Vineyard are known for their expressive aromatics and smooth suppleness on the palate.

WINEMAKER NOTES

Rosella's cool, coastal influence brings Syrah to ripen last every vintage, right around Halloween. Syrah needs that extra time to get fully ripe and exhibit the elegant expression that is signature to Rosella's. Our cool climate retains a beautiful tension of richness, velvety texture, and spice next to its black fruit, floral and savory character. Roar is the exclusive producer of Rosella's Syrah.

VINTAGE SUMMARY

The 2022 season began with another unusually dry winter in the Highlands. We received 7.5 inches of rain, below our average of 10-14. Each seasonal marker came early, from bud break to veraison and then harvest, about two weeks ahead of "normal." For us and for growers across the Santa Lucia Highlands, the crop was light and produced less wine, but once again we're thrilled with the quality and structure that will lead to long aging potential. The wines showcase a feminine quality with our signature bright, fruit-forward flavors and beautiful texture.

Winemaker: Scott Shapley
Appellation: Santa Lucia Highlands
Farming: Sustainable (SIP Certified)
Harvest: October 20, 2022
Fermentation: 45% whole cluster
Oak: 100% French oak, 40% new
Aging: 14 months in barrel
Alcohol: 14.6%
Acid: 3.75 pH
Production: 145 cases made

2022: 95 pts, *Lisa Perrotti-Brown, MW*
2021: 94 pts, *Wine Spectator*
2020: Not produced due to CA wildfires
2019: 93 pts, *Wine Spectator*
2018: 95 pts, *Antonio Galloni's Vinous*
2017: 96 pts, *Jeb Dunnuck*
2016: 94 pts, *Jeb Dunnuck*