

2013

BIG RIVER RANCH

syrah

VARIETY: 91% syrah, 9% grenache**APPELLATION:** Alexander Valley**DEGREES BRUX AT HARVEST:** 26.5**pH:** 3.71**ALCOHOL:** 14.7%**CELLAR RECOMMENDATION:** Enjoy this wine through 2023

VINIFICATION NOTES: We picked our Big River Ranch syrah grapes in early morning on October 5th. The fruit was then fermented in tank for 19 days. For maximum extraction of skins, pumpovers were performed twice daily in a closed-top tank. After primary fermentation, the wine was aged in a combination of French and American oak barrels (20% new) for 20 months

SENSORY NOTES: This wine boasts an intense nose of smoked meats, and vanilla. Dark fruit of plum, black currant and savory ham bone culminating with well integrated velvety tannins which linger to a satisfying experience.

VINEYARD NOTES: Big River Ranch, with its deep red soils and hot summer days, produces big, complex wines. This unique benchland vineyard sits just above the Russian River, which gives cooler evenings and unique, sandy loam soils. The longer hangtime for the fruit allows this syrah to fully develop its full-bodied flavors.

VINEYARD DETAILS:**CLONE:** Estrella, Noir**SOIL TYPE:** Clay, heavy loam, sandy loam**ELEVATION:** 300 feet**VINE SPACING:** 6' x 8'**YIELD PER ACRE:** 3-4 tons**ROOTSTOCK:** 110R and 101-14**YEAR PLANTED:** 2005**TRELLISING STYLE:** Cordon**IRRIGATION:** Minimal drip**RETAIL PRICE:** \$40. Strictly limited production.

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