The 2014 Terra Bella Syrah is the inaugural release from our new estate vineyard. Located in the Adelaida District in the rugged westside of Paso Robles, Terra Bella Vineyard boasts optimal conditions for Syrah—high altitude, sloping southwest facing terrain, rocky limestone soils, and a long growing season with a pronounced marine influence from the Pacific Ocean, just 17 miles away. Here the calcareous steep terrain, at an elevation of almost 1,800 feet, creates very limited yields and makes for very labor intensive farming conditions.

The fruit was hand-picked in the cool early hours and sorted before being crushed into small lots for fermentation, followed by aging in select tight grain French oak barrels. All of these attributes converge to produce an age-worthy Syrah that offers profound concentration without sacrificing balance or structure. This limited selection wine is unfined and unfiltered to preserve its integrity.

Tasting Notes
COLOR: Opaque garnet
AROMA: Black raspberries and dried figs with notes of savory and mocha spice
TASTE: Full-bodied with black raspberry fruit; a dense, layered mid-palate with a smooth, structured finish

Recommendations
Serve at 62° – 65° F
Enjoy now through 2027
Store in dark dry place at 55° – 65° F
Decanting recommended
Pairing suggestions: Truffle risotto, pot roast and artisan cheeses

Technical Notes
Harvest date: 09.03.14
Brix°: 26.9
Vineyard: Terra Bella
Variety: Syrah 100%

AGING: 20 months in new French oak barrels
BOTTLING DATE: 06.15.16
RELEASE DATE: 02.17.17
CASES PRODUCED: 148
ALCOHOL: 15.3%
PH: 3.75
TOTAL ACIDITY: 6.2 g/L

Kevin Willenborg, Winemaker
An elegant yet age-worthy Syrah