

## 2010 SUENDERO

*Suen•de•ro [swen-dé-ro] n. derived from “Sueño Sendero” or the “Dream Path”*

Suendero is a Meritage bottling of Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit Verdot. The name Suendero celebrates the wine’s origins amid the magical terrain of Adelaida Springs Ranch in the rugged coastal mountains west of Paso Robles. Here, at an elevation of 1,700 feet and just 12 miles from the Pacific Ocean, the ranch’s small vineyard is planted in calcareous soils, resulting from uplifted ancient sea beds. These hillside soils, combined with reliable marine breezes, enable us to craft a nuanced wine of depth and balance that mirrors the evenness and elegance of a modern style blend.

At harvest, the grapes were picked and delivered to the winery in small lots where they were sorted, destemmed and gently crushed into small lot fermenters. Frequent pump overs and punch-down techniques were used to extract balanced flavors, color and texture from these tiny, concentrated berries. The wine was then drained and gently pressed from the skins into limited-production, tight-grained French oak barrels, where the wine was aged for 20 months for greater balance.

### TASTING NOTES

**Color:** Garnet

**Aroma:** Blueberry and cedar with hints of spice and licorice

**Taste:** Medium to full-bodied with a firm structure; hints of cherries lead into a long finish with rich tannin textures ideal for aging

### RECOMMENDATIONS

Serve at: 62° – 65° F

Enjoy now through 2020

Store in dark dry place at 55° – 65° F

Decant two hours prior to serving

Pairing suggestions: Prime Rib, lamb or duck

### TECHNICAL NOTES

Harvest date	Brix <sup>o</sup>	Vineyard	Blend
10.04.10 - 10.21.10	25.2	Adelaida Springs Ranch	Cabernet Sauvignon 79%
		Adelaida Springs Ranch	Petit Verdot 21%

**Aging:** 20 months in new French oak barrels

**Bottling date:** 06.26.12

**Release Date:** 11.29.13

**Cases produced:** 504

**Alcohol:** 14.5%

**pH:** 3.48

**Total Acidity:** 7.0g/L



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*This is an inviting and complex wine that will prove rewarding for many years.*