2005 SUENDORO

Suendero [swen-dé-ro] n. derived from “Sueño Sendero” or the “Dream Path”

Suendoro is a Meritage bottling of Cabernet Sauvignon (80%) and Petit Verdot (20%). The name Suendoro signifies “The Dream Path,” celebrating 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 1,500 feet and just 12 miles from the Pacific Ocean, the ranch’s small vineyard unfolds along steep calcareous soils composed of ancient sea beds. These hillside soils, combined with reliable marine breezes, enable us to craft a nuanced wine that mirrors the evenness and elegance of a modern style blend.

TASTING NOTES

Color: Dark garnet
Aroma: This well-structured wine unfolds with notes of wild strawberry, black currant and blackberry, in addition to vanilla and coconut aromas from the oak barrels.
Taste: The dark fruits re-emerge on the palate with blueberry and fresh black raspberry dominating, as well as oregano and green peppercorn supported by toasted oak tannins and a balancing acidity that provides a long finish.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Serve at: 62° – 65° F
Enjoy now through 2015
Store in dark dry place at 55° – 65° F
Pairing suggestions: Beef Wellington, lamb or duck

TECHNICAL NOTES

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Aging: 18 months in 63% new French oak, blend assembled after 10 months, 8 additional months after blending.

Bottling date: 07.11.07
Release Date: 04.01.08
Cases produced: 225
Alcohol: 14.5%
pH: 3.43
Total Acidity: 5.9 g/l

Matthias Gubler, Winemaker

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