Suendero

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Suendero [swen-di-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 18 months for greater balance.

Tasting Notes

COLOR: Garnet
AROMA: Boysenberry and cedar with hints of licorice and mocha spice
TASTE: Medium to full-bodied with flavors of dark fruit and rich, structured tannins that linger into the finish

Recommendations

Serve at 62° – 65° F
Enjoy now through 2022
Store in dark dry place at 55° – 65° F
Pairing suggestions: Prime rib, lamb or duck

Technical Notes

Harvest date: 10.24.11 – 11.03.11
BRIX: 25.5
Vineyard: Adelaida Springs Ranch
Blend: Cabernet Sauvignon 70%, Petit Verdot 30%
Aging: 18 months in French oak barrels
Bottling date: 06.05.13
Release date: 11.28.14
Cases produced: 574 (packed in 1,148 6-bottle cases)
Alcohol: 14.5%
PH: 3.64
Total acidity: 6.3 g/L