



Technical Notes

Varietals: 90% Grenache, 6% Syrah, 4% Mourvedre

Vineyards: **Alta Mesa Vineyard, Larner Vineyard, Thompson Vineyard:** Alta Mesa Vineyard is situated on decomposed granite, gneiss, schist, basalt and clay loam at 3200' elevation. Superb clonal selection, tight spacing, huge day/night temperature differentials and meticulous vineyard work produce grapes that yield vibrant, complex and compelling wines. Larner Vineyard in westernmost Ballard Canyon is influenced by coastal breezes and evening fog, making it one of the coolest sites in the Santa Ynez Valley. Peerless farming and excellent soils at this great site produce truly amazing fruit. Los Alamos' Thompson's Vineyards is 37 acres of steep, south facing hillside vineyards, which when combined with low tonnage yields amazingly concentrated, ripe fruit year after year.

Appellation: Santa Barbara County

Production: 517 cases produced

Aging Potential: 6-8+ years

Winemaking: The components of Grenache, Syrah and Mourvedre were fermented in small open top bins, with 40% whole clusters included. The wine spent 20-25 days on the skins with a combination of pump-overs and punch downs. Aged 15 months in 500 liter puncheons, bottled unfinned and unfiltered.

Keywords: Hibiscus, kirsch, wet slate, chocolate, fresh herbs, raspberry, mint, tobacco leaf/cigar box, cured meats, smoked paprika, graphite, candied plum. Expansive, weighty, lush, structured. Long, powerful finish of dried red fruits and herbs.

Reviews: 95 points Robert Parker's Wine Advocate