



2018

ALTAS VIÑAS

17.5 acres of Mourvèdre and Grenache grow on decomposed granite, gneiss, schist, basalt and clay loam at 3,200 feet above sea level, making this one of the highest elevation vineyards in the US. Superb clonal selection, tight spacing, huge day/night temperature differentials and meticulous vineyard work produce grapes that yield vibrant, complex and compelling wines.

VINIFICATION

65% whole cluster fermented in concrete tanks and small, open top bins, spending between 20-35 days on skins, with a combination of pump overs and punchdowns during cold soak and fermentation. Aged 20 months in neutral 400 liter puncheons, 350 liter cognacs and 265 liter barriques.

TASTING NOTES

Licorice, tobacco, nori, sweet leather, hoisin, Valrhona dark chocolate, mesquite smoke, plum and oyster sauces, and blackberry puree. The palate leans savory, briny, with just enough juicy dark fruits to keep it balanced. The finish is very textural, with a touch of salinity, mineral to round it out.

VARIETALS:

64% Mourvedre, 24% Syrah,
12% Grenache

APPELLATION:

Santa Barbara County

VINEYARDS:

Alta Mesa

RATINGS:

93, Vinous

ALCOHOL CONTENT:

15.2%

CASES PRODUCED:

152

AGING POTENTIAL:

Present - 2029

RETAIL PRICE:

\$50

TASTING NOTES BY MCPRIE MYERS WINEMAKER AND OWNER

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