

CARUCCI

2013 Syrah Duvarita Vineyard

Producer

Carucci Wines is a small, family-owned and operated winery producing Rhone varietal wines from California's Central Coast. Completely self-taught as winemakers, the husband and wife team have a knack for finding exceptional vineyards and showcasing their unique character. In the cellar native yeasts, whole cluster fermentation and very limited amounts of new oak are utilized to create a transparent, nuanced and soulful interpretation of each site. We rely on impeccable farming and believe that working closely with Mother Nature is the only way to produce truly great wine.

Vineyard

Originally named the Presidio vineyard and planted in 2000. Duvarita's twenty-six biodynamically farmed acres sit west of the Sta. Rita Hills boundary. The proximity to the ocean makes this site even cooler and windier than the vineyards inside the boundary. Our blocks of 877 and Estrella clone syrah are planted in an ancient dune of Marina sand at high density, as well as, low to the ground which protects them from ocean breezes and provides heat from the soil. We have found the wines from Duvarita to be pure and old world in style, with great underlying minerality.

Vintage

2013 was the second year of near-ideal growing conditions throughout California. Following a very dry winter, there was an early bud break and a large fruit set. Some growers thinned fruit as much as 60 percent. The growing season was consistently warm and moved right into a dry fall. Although growing conditions were ideal, harvest was early and condensed creating a fast pace in the cellar. Directly following harvest the young wines showed great richness, depth and balance in the barrel. They should be powerful and approachable early. The main concern now as we look to 2013 is the drought. Santa Barbara received less than 4 inches of rain in all of 2013.

Profile

Pomegranate – Cranberry – Black Pepper – Iron – Chai Spice – Roasted Meat

APPELLATION

Santa Barbara County

SOILS

100% Marina and
Arnold Sand

FARMING

Biodynamic

VINE AGE

Vineyard planted in
2000

CLONES

Estrella

BARREL AGEING

26 months French oak

25% new

PRODUCTION

8 barrels

ALCOHOL

13.8% abv