

Estate expression • Elevated vineyards • Rare

Our Highland Estates wines showcase our estate properties located on mountains, ridges, hillsides and benchlands in cool coastal California vineyards. These limited production, highly allocated wines are critically acclaimed and rare. This series is all about *terroir*. Each label has a pictorial representation of the estate vineyard from which the fruit was sourced. The combination of soil, elevation and climate on each estate is a key contributor to the wine's powerful style.

ALISOS HILLS

2003 SYRAH

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

ACCOLADES

88-90 Points- Very Good/Outstanding

"...potentially outstanding... smoky, camphor, blackberry, currant, and pepper notes. Good acidity, medium to full-body, and a well-textured, long finish..."

Robert M. Parker, Jr.,
The Wine Advocate, 12/19/05

STATISTICAL INFORMATION

Appellation:

Santa Barbara County

Composition:

100% Syrah

Barrel Aging:

Aged 19 months in French (41% new) and older French and American oak barrels.

Cases Produced: 233

Alcohol: 14.4

TA: .60 g/100 ml

pH: 3.77

KEY POINTS

Elevation: 715 – 1093 feet above sea level.

Source: Los Alamos in Santa Barbara County, 100% Syrah.

Clonal Selection: "877" clone with 110R rootstock, Geneva Double Curtain (GDC), and vertical shoot position trellises.

Soil: Mix of clay loam, sandy loam and gravel in the upper corner of Barham Vineyard Blocks, similar geology as in Rhone. Excellent drainage on the southwest corner of the Neeley Block due to amount of sand.

Flavor Profile: Full-bodied inky color with dark, lush, and jammy blackberry and cola flavors.

Climate: The morning and evening fog that comes in over the Los Alamos Valley between the Santa Rita and Santa Maria Hills is penetrating and predictable. This allows for an extended growing season and powerful, fuller wines.

