

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. 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

### 2005 SYRAH

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

#### STATISTICAL INFORMATION

**Appellation:**

Santa Barbara County

**Composition:**

100% Syrah

**Barrel Aging:**

Aged 16 months in new French oak (23%) and older French and American oak barrels

**Cases Produced:** 765

**Alcohol:** 14.5

**TA:** .63 g/100 ml

**pH:** 3.52

#### ACCOLADES

90 Points

*"Displays the smoky lard and bacon fat notes of this varietal. Dark ruby/purple-colored with some charcoal, pepper and spice, the wine should drink nicely for 5-7 years."*

Robert M. Parker, Jr.

*The Wine Advocate*, 12/28/07

#### KEY POINTS

**Elevation:** 715 – 1,093 feet above sea level.

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

**Clonal Selection:** 877 clone on 110R rootstock. Geneva Double Curtain (GDC) and Vertical Shoot Positioned (VSP) trellises.

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

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

**Climate:** Planting in the warmer parts of the cool climate coastal vineyards brings a warm richness to the glass and body.

**Of Note:** Several thoroughbred ranches flank the vineyards. Rolling Santa Barbara hills and vineyards intertwine with riparian corridors so as not to be challenged by wild deer, boar and bobcats.

