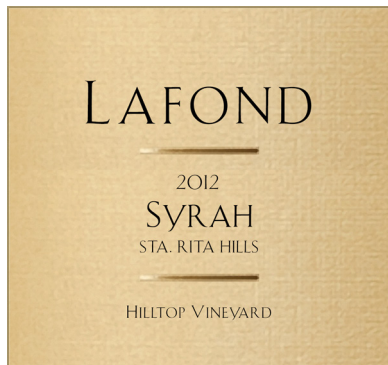


Lafond Winery & Vineyards

Wine Description and Statistics



HARVEST
Dates: Nov. 1, 2012
Sugar: 24.4 Brix

VINEYARDS
100 % Hilltop

WINE
8 Barrels
12.5% new French Oak
12.5% new American
Extended maceration
Total Acid: .69
pH: 3.38
Alcohol: 14.7%
Sugar: Dry

Date Bottled: April 8, 2014

Cases produced: 190

Santa Rita Hills

2012 Hilltop Vineyard Syrah

The Santa Rita Hills is a small appellation at the western end of the Santa Ynez Valley that has gained national recognition for its Pinot Noir, Chardonnay and Syrah.

The Valley runs west to east permitting the late afternoon ocean fog to roll into the Santa Rita Hills, where it lingers until early morning. The surrounding hills trap the fog before it is dissipated in the wider Santa Ynez Valley.

In the spring when frost is our biggest concern a layer of fog over the vineyard can provide protection. In the summer the fog moderates the normally warm days of the valley, cooling the grapes at night. Warm days and cool nights are what gives our Santa Rita Hills Syrah its spicy rich complex flavors.

Our grapes are picked at night so that when they are processed in the morning the temperature in the fermenters can be quickly dropped allowing the maximum extraction of flavor.

Winemaker's comments: 2012 is our first Hilltop Vineyard Designated Syrah. We felt, for the first time, that the wine merited its own vineyard designation. It is a dark and concentrated wine, an exceptional Syrah from the Santa Rita Hills.

92 Points 2015 Wine Enthusiast
Gold Medal 90 Points Winemaker Challenge

Suggested Retail Price: 28.00