

SANTA BARBARA WINERY

2006 GRENACHE SYRAH

After three decades of wine growing in the Santa Rita Hills, Pierre Lafond and winemaker Bruce McGuire are still experimenting with unconventional varieties in this very cool growing region. Following their successful introduction of Syrah to Santa Rita Hills in the early 1990's, they are now onto their second vintage of this Grenache/Syrah blend.

Utilizing Syrah from neighbor vineyard, Hilltop Ranch (right across the dirt road) and Grenache that Bruce sourced from the Byron Vineyard up in Santa Maria, Bruce has crafted a wine showing the cool climate spiciness of Syrah and the bright red fruit flavors of Grenache.

The Grenache dominates the blend and helps to tame the Syrah making this middle weight wine more approachable than straight Syrah, and thus easier to pair with a wider range of foods. A delightful wine to have with Spanish tapas, lighter meats, or an afternoon repast of olives, cow's milk cheeses and fresh bread. This wine should show complete flavor development by the end of 2008 and be quite enjoyable through 2010.



HARVEST

Date: Oct. 26, 2006 (Byron) and
Nov. 15, 2006 (Hilltop)

Vineyard: 62% Byron Vnyd
36% Hilltop Ranch Vnyd
(Syrah)
2% Lafond Vnyd

Sugar: 23.6° Brix (Grenache)
26.1° Brix (Syrah)

Production: 460 cases
Sugg. Retail Price: \$22.00

WINE

Barrels: All Neutral Puncheons

Total Acid: .74
pH: 3.26
Alcohol: 14.7%
Date Bottled: Aug. 17, 2007
Residual Sugar: Dry

