

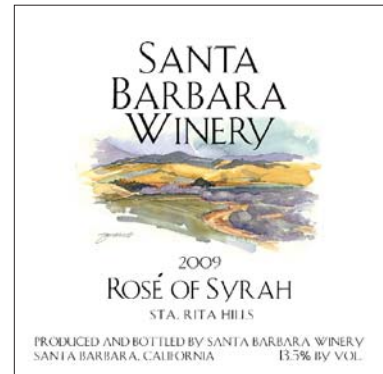
# SANTA BARBARA WINERY

## 2009 ROSE OF SYRAH

When Bruce first identified a section of Hilltop Ranch Vineyard as being particularly well suited to making rosé, we were becoming aware of a re-energized interest in these wines produced in a dry style with serious winemaking techniques. A dry rose is a prized complement to food and company, particularly well suited for warm summer days outside as an aperitif or to accompany a meal.

The 2009 Rose of Syrah is composed of syrah fruit from Hilltop Ranch Vineyard in the Sta. Rita Hills on an adjoining property to Lafond Vineyard. The grapes were destemmed and hand sorted, followed by an overnight cold soak on the skins prior to pressing for proper color intensity. A cool fermentation took place entirely in stainless steel tanks. This process preserves the electric color and the bright fruit flavors and aromas nicely balanced by firm acidity courtesy of the cool climate Sta. Rita Hills.

A terrific wine with ample weight to enjoy with all but the heartiest of foods. A simple lunch of cheese, cured meats, olives and bread is a favorite. Enjoy through the winter of 2011.



### HARVEST

Dates: November 5, 2009  
Vineyard: 100% Hilltop Ranch  
(Sta. Rita Hills)  
Sugar: 22.7° Brix  
Production: 206 cases  
Sugg. Retail: \$15.00

### WINE

Cooperage: Stainless Steel  
Residual Sugar: Dry  
Total Acid: .63  
pH: 3.13  
Alcohol: 13.5%

