

Varietal Breakdown:

65% Mourvedre, 20% Grenache, 15% Syrah

Vineyards: Alta Mesa and Kimsey

Appellation: Santa Barbara County

Production: 211 cases

Drinking Window: Now-2030

Alcohol: 15.2%

2014 ALTAS VIÑAS

17.5 acres of Mourvedre and Grenache grow on decomposed granite, gneiss, schist, basalt and clay loam at 3,200 feet above sea level, making this one of the highest elevation vineyards in the US. Superb clonal selection, tight spacing, huge day/night temperature differentials and meticulous vineyard work produce grapes that yield vibrant, complex and compelling wines.

VINIFICATION

60% whole cluster fermented in small, open top bins, and spent 15-20 days on skins with pump -overs during cold soak and punch downs during fermentation. Aged 24 months in 500, 265 and 228 liter barrels.

TASTING NOTES

Sweet tobacco, kirsch liquor, smoked meats, shade-grown coffee, ripe blackberry, cola, iron, sandalwood, frankincense, birchwood soda, Herbs de Provence, juniper. A lively, savory finish with generous mid-palate texture.

Tasting notes by McPrice Myers, Winemaker and Owner
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