



2016

ALTAS VIÑAS

17.5 acres of Mourvèdre 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 20 months in 265-liter neutral barriques and puncheons.

TASTING NOTES

Deep lurid ruby. Spicy, intensely perfumed aromas of fresh dark berries, Indian spices, cola and potpourri. Sweet and seamless in the mouth, offering deeply concentrated yet lively black currant and boysenberry flavors and suggestions of candied violet and star anise. Picks up a smoky nuance on a strikingly long, penetrating finish that features a repeating floral note and smooth tannins. - *Josh Reynolds, Vinous*

VARIETALS:

64% Mourvèdre, 24% Grenache, 12% Syrah

APPELLATION:

Santa Barbara County

VINEYARDS:

Alta Mesa, Kimsey

ALCOHOL CONTENT:

15.2%

CASES PRODUCED:

216

AGING POTENTIAL:

Present - 2028

RETAIL PRICE: \$45

TASTING NOTES BY MCPRIE MYERS WINEMAKER AND OWNER

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