

MACLAREN

2013 Moaveni Vineyard Syrah



Vineyard: Moaveni Vineyard

Appellation: Bennett Valley

Clones: Alban

Vine Age: 9 years

Harvest Date: 3rd October 2013

Barrel Aging: 14 Months - 100%
Neutral French Oak

Production: 220 Cases

Alcohol: 14%

Vineyard Notes

2013 was our first vintage from this vineyard in the Bennett Valley appellation. The vineyard is further up the valley located on Matanzas Creek Lane nestled up against the Sonoma Mountain ridge. This slightly higher altitude plays with the fog patterns and allows for an even ripening. The soil is comprised of mostly Spreckles loam and Gouling; the steep slope also inhibits water retention in the vineyard and results in smaller berries, which in turn, results in more intense flavored wines.

Winemaker Notes

The fruit was handpicked and hand sorted in the vineyard and winery. After sorting, the fruit was destemmed after which the fermentation started on its native yeasts. The juice was on skins for 19 days. The wine was pressed into tank, then racked to barrel and aged for 14 months in 100% neutral French oak. It was bottled in Dec 2014 unfiltered and unfined.

Tasting Notes

A true Bennett Valley expression, this wine pulls you in with its dark fruit and spice. Up front there is a beautiful explosion of ripe blackcurrants and blackberries along with a spicy background including peppercorns, black licorice, mushrooms and a hint of graphite. In the mouth, the wine coats the palate with its opulent dark fruit, black pepper, beef jerky and a black licorice finish.