

MACLAREN

2013 Samantha's Vineyard Syrah



Vineyard: Samantha's Vineyard

Appellation: Russian River Valley

Clones: Alban

Vine Age: 19 years

Harvest Date: 27th Sept. 2013

Barrel Aging: 14 Months - 100%
Neutral French Oak

Production: 220 Cases

Alcohol: 14%

Vineyard Notes

This vineyard sits on the border of the Russian River Valley and Chalk Hill AVA's on the north-east side of the Russian River Valley. The steep terraced style vineyard is planted to the Alban clone on Spreckels loam with only 60 inches of soil on top of bedrock.

Winemaker Notes

The fruit was handpicked and hand sorted in the vineyard and winery. After sorting, the fruit was destemmed and left to cold soak for 5 days; after which the fermentation started on its native yeasts. 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

The initial nose draws you in with spicy red fruits and the signature blueberry. The spices reveal themselves over time showing bay leaf, fennel and a little ginger. Floral notes keep the wine feeling lighter with lavender and violet and a hint of new leather. In the mouth the mouth feel is creamy but never heavy as it remains fresh and mouthwatering. The fruits are upfront with blackberry, blueberry and sweet strawberry and a nice licorice finish.