

VILLA CREEK

Bassetti Vineyards Syrah, 2014



BLEND 100% Syrah

HARVEST October 8, 2014

BOTTLED February 19th, 2016

VINEYARDS Bassetti
farming/soil sustainable/granite and serpentine

THE 2014 VINTAGE

After a very cold, very dry winter, we were doused with just enough rain in March, to get the cover crop growing in the vineyard only to be quickly knocked down to prepare for a hot dry summer. Summer started early with consistently high temperatures that persisted through harvest. The last grapes were picked early October, almost a month earlier than normal. Bright acidity and concentration will be the hallmarks of this vintage.

VINIFICATION

After a careful cluster sort the grapes were fermented 100% whole cluster. Daily pigeage ensued during the 3 day cold soak. The grapes were fermented in concrete tanks on native yeast. The wine was aged in 25% new French puncheons and the remainder in neutral oak.

TASTING NOTES

Big, muscular, and SUPER sexy (you pick the person) this is an inky beast that jumps out of the glass with notes of blackberry pie, baseball card gum talc, and asphalt. The palate is full and unctuous showing black fruits, shoyu, and roasted meat. The finish goes on forever. You may want to stock up on your whitening strips for this one. Drink 2016-2028

REVIEW

"This vineyard continues to get better and better, and Cris's 2014 Syrah Bassetti Vineyard is a smokin' effort. Raised in 25% new oak and fermented with 100% whole clusters, it reveals notes of olive brine, creme de cassis, tapenade, wood smoke and hints of vanilla. Medium to full-bodied, layered, fresh and elegant, it has a great mid-palate and plenty of texture. It will drink well for a decade."

92-94+ Jeb Dunnuck, The Wine Advocate