

# BIG BASIN

## VINEYARDS

### PROFILE

The mission at Big Basin is to create wines that show their Santa Cruz Mountains roots. With cool-climate, ocean-influenced, mountain vineyards throughout the AVA, owner and winemaker Bradley Brown strives to showcase location and terroir, forgoing manipulation and intervention whenever possible. The steep hillsides, cooling ocean breezes, fog, and mountain soils of their vineyard locations promote the development of deep color and complex flavors. By keeping the yields very low and harvesting small sections of the vineyard at perfect ripeness, Big Basin strives to achieve the most important part of winemaking – great fruit. The winemaking then becomes the art of gently extracting what the fruit has to offer, utilizing a minimalist approach in the cellar, with hand sorting, gentle pressing, the use of ambient yeasts, and indigenous malolactic fermentation.

The 2014 Homestead represents the extraordinary granitic and limestone terroir of the Gabilan Mountains from which the majority of the fruit is sourced. 25+ year Mourvedre from the Antle Vineyard and Syrah from the Brosseau Vineyard in the Chalona AVA. 80+ year old, dry farmed Carignane from the Cienega Valley located below Calera's Mount Harlan AVA plus Syrah and Grenache from the Coastview Vineyard located just miles South of Mt. Harlan at 2400 ft, along with a dab of Cabernet Sauvignon from high on Montebello Road.



## HOMESTEAD

### SPECIFICATIONS

**Wine:** California Rhône Blend  
“Homestead”

**Varietals:** 35% Mourvedre, 27% Grenache, 19% Carignane, 16% Syrah, 3% Cabernet Sauvignon

**Appellation:** California AVA

**Vineyard Location:** Antle Vineyard, Brosseau Vineyard, Cienega Valley, Coastview Vineyard, Mountain Estate

**Agricultural Method:** Sustainable

**Harvest:** Manual, August 25th - September 18th, 2014

**Vinification:** Whole berry, cold soak, indigenous yeast, hand punched. Barrel Aged: 11 months in neutral French oak barrels. Bottled: unfinned and unfiltered in August 2014

**Alcohol:** 13.9%

**Production:** 820 cases

**Tasting Notes:** Dark and supple, with juicy blackberry and plum fruit balanced by floral and spice notes. Try with roasted pork loin and Tuscan rice salad.

“ Big Basin’s mission is to handcraft wines revealing the complex nuances of the ocean-influenced mountain vineyards that inspire them. ”