

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.

Old Corral is the eternal reminder that maintaining transparency to site is Big Basin's end-game. Ultimately, transparency is about revealing all of the nuance and detail a given site has to offer, and if that site is extraordinary, an extraordinary wine is the result. Each vine in Old Corral is planted only three feet apart. The dramatic, steeply terraced rows these vines are planted to are similar to extreme vineyards in the world's top Syrah regions in the Northern Rhone Valley.



SPECIFICATIONS

Wine: Santa Cruz Mountains Syrah
"Old Corral"

Varietals: 100% Syrah

Appellation: Santa Cruz Mountains

Vineyard Location: Mountain Estate Vineyard – Old Corral & Homestead blocks

Soil: Sandy loam

Agricultural Method: Organic, CCOF certified

Harvest: Manual

Vinification: Cold soak, hand punched, fermentation utilizing indigenous yeast. Aged 22 months in French oak barrels. Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered in August, 2013.

Alcohol: 13.4%

Tasting Notes: Medium-bodied and made in an old-world style, this Syrah shows notes of raspberry, Blueberry, olive, violets, and sweet spice. Perfect with spiced lamb or eggplant.

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