

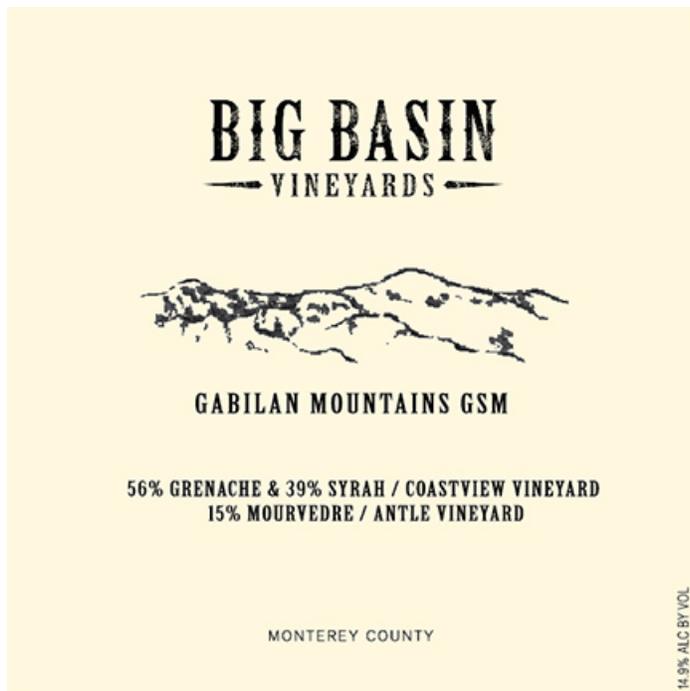
BIG BASIN

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 Gabilan Mountains are a sizable range of rugged granitic and calcareous limestone rich mountains that run down the East side of the Salinas Valley, in Monterey County. The Rhone varietals tend to be their most complex, interesting and revealing their true character potential and vineyard terroir when planted on steep, rocky hillsides. The Gabilans are home to two famous AVAs, Mount Harlan (Calera Wine Company) and Chalone (next to Pinnacles National Park), which have demonstrated there is indeed something special about these mountains.



SPECIFICATIONS

Wine: Monterey County Rhône Blend “Gabilan Mountains”

Varietals: 46% Grenache, 39% Syrah, 15% Mourvèdre

Appellation: Monterey AVA

Vineyard Location: Coastview Vineyard (Grenache & Syrah), Antle Vineyard (Mourvèdre)

Vineyard Age: 15 years (Coastview), 30+ years (Antle)

Agricultural Method: Sustainable

Harvest: Manual

Vinification: Whole berry cold soak, hand punched, fermentation utilizing indigenous yeast. Aged 22 months in all neutral French oak barrels. Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered in August, 2014.

Alcohol: 14.9%

Production: 250 cases

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



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