



Technical Release Note

Soliste Syrah Out of the Shadows

Bennett Valley

Appellation
Bennett Valley

Clone
French 149

Harvest Started
October 24

Cellar
100% French Oak
450 liter Barrique
0% new, aged 22 months

Alcohol
14.1%

Acidity
6.6 gm/L

pH
3.53

Vineyard

Out of the Shadows comes from a sliver of a vineyard in the Bennett Valley hills. The site has a western exposure, gravelly soil and sits on the side of a small mountain. This provides excellent drainage, even sun exposure, and a cool climate. The vineyard has a breathtaking view of the Santa Rosa plain and is meticulously farmed.

Vintage Notes

Lower than average rainfall promoting earlier budbreak and bloom and resulting in a longer growing season. Temperature variation was above average requiring vigilant vineyard management. We harvested at first light and field sorted. 30% reserved for whole cluster fermentation with traditional foot punch downs, the balance was gently destemmed. Following a brief cold soak, smooth fermentation of small lots with ritual manual punch downs was complete before barreling into 450 liter Barriques for aging.

Tasting Notes

Visually, Out of the Shadows displays deep cassis with a dark garnet robe, a classic Syrah. On the nose there are elegant aromatics of violets, cassis, blackberry and wild plums (quetches) layered with licorice, bacon and herbal undertones. As the wine evolves in the glass or decanter, the aromatics become more voluptuous, conveying a tremendous sense of power, superbly focused and complex adding tobacco leaves, espresso and vanilla bean. On the palate, up front the wine is a muscular concentration of cassis, plums and dark wild cherries, reminiscent of freshly sundried berry compote, interlaced with licorice, mint, and sage. This would be a Beast of a wine if the tannins had not been tamed by our commitment to age the wine for 22 months in large barrels. The middle palate becomes velvety, yet incredibly rich, with a wet stone minerality that is astonishing as the smooth tannins add exotic spice and bitter chocolate. Phenomenal acidity and balance add to the wine liveliness and poise. The Finish is long, elegant, and effortless. It is a powerful caldron of tart cassis, black cherries, bitter caramel and tobacco leaves creating length, complexity and finesse.

