Domaine de la Terre Rouge

TERRE ROUGE® AND EASTON WINES





SYRAH SENTINEL OAK VINEYARD

SENTINEL OAK VINEYARD PYRAMID BLOCK

PRODUCED & BOTTLED BY DOMAINE DE LA TERRE ROUGE PLYMOUTH, CALIFORNIA. ALC. 14.5% BY VOL.

2008 Terre Rouge Syrah, Sentinel Oak Vineyard/Pyramid Block

Our single vineyard Syrah is from the oldest Syrah vineyard in the Sierra Nevada (est. 1982) and one of the most famous Syrah sites in California. Each year it provides us with intense luscious fruit. The vineyard is at 1,400 feet on a South-facing slope in the heart of the Shenandoah Valley, next to our winery. The parcel is planted all on its own roots. The vines originate from the Chapoutier Hermitage property (UCD Clone 1). Harvest was early in 2008 and the crop was light, due to Spring frosts and the drought. We picked on September 9th at 25° brix, 3.48 pH, and .68 TA . This was an average to somewhat cooler year weather-wise. The wine is dark in color with a dense, deep-concentrated layered fruit aromas that are incredibly spicy. In the mouth you'll find incredibly concentrated framboise flavors, smoky wood tones, and fine tannins. Meaty. Great structure and age worthiness. It has macerated for two weeks in an open-top fermenter with punchdowns two to three times a day. Aged for 23 months in 100% French oak (33% new François Frères) and lightly egg-white fined prior to being bottled unfiltered.

14.5 % alcohol by vol.; 3.48 pH; 6.6 gm./liter total acidity <u>Release date</u>: November 2013 <u>Retail</u>: \$40 a bottle

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