Domaine de la Terre Rouge

TERRE ROUGE® AND EASTON WINES





SYRAH HIGH SLOPES

PRODUCED & BOTTLED BY DOMAINE DE LA TERRE ROUGE PLYMOUTH, CALIFORNIA.

2008 Terre Rouge Syrah "High Slopes", Sierra Foothills

This wine is made from two of our higher elevation Syrah sites. We thought that they expressed the racy aromatics of the Syrah grape that reminded us of Côte Rotie. We are bottling these two sites together as a special treat for those that appreciate the finesse that Syrah can achieve. The 2008 vintage yielded rich, profound and opulent wines. Two of these higher elevation vineyard sites are over 3,000 feet where it is quite cool. They ripened early in 2008 (September 10 & September 21) because the crop size was reduced to half of normal due to frost. Every year, these vineyards are mature at lower sugar levels. These up-slope lots have a lot of finesse and express the wonderful meaty, white pepper nuances of Syrah, while still retaining some of the smoky, spicy qualities of the grape. Our artisan cellar techniques include fermentation in small lots, special yeast strains, manual-punch downs, gentle transfers and pressing, and barrel aging for 20 months in French oak (33% new), prior to bottling the wine unfiltered.

14.5 % alcohol by vol.; 3.75 pH; 6.1 gm./liter total acidity. <u>Release date</u>: September 2013

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