Domaine de la Terre Rouge terre rouge® and Easton wines





SYRAH

SENTINEL OAK VINEYARD PYRAMID BLOCK

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

2012 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 in the average/middle range for this site in 2012 with the overall the growing season being generally average with an average yield at this site. We picked on September 14th at 25°brix, 3.52 pH, and .68 TA. 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. This is always one of our most powerful Syrah's, as it has great structure, and definite age worthiness. It has macerated for two weeks in an open-top fermenter with punch-downs 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.; 3.58 pH; 6.2 gm./liter total acidity

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<u>Retail</u>: \$40 a bottle

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