

# 2014 Syrah Paso Robles

## *Sensory Notes*

A well-structured wine, our 2014 Syrah expresses compelling nuances of ripe blackberry and cocoa with a touch of smoke and spice. The deep dark ruby-red color hints at the opulent fruit flavors of blackberry, plum and black cherry which lead to a rich, mouth-watering finish.

## *Vintage Notes*

The 2014 vintage was another challenging season in Paso Robles. We began our spring with marginal moisture, the product of meager winter rains. This daunting start was followed by a warm early spring with average temperatures through April and May that gave us a reasonable start to the growing season. These moderate temperatures and seasonable conditions gave us excellent flowering and fruit set circumstances that resulted in a normal cluster count. From here our temperatures remained moderate until we experienced a short heat spike at the end of August and again longer sustained heat spell at the start of October before moderating to normal temperatures to finish the season. Overall we experienced a vigorous harvest season that presented perfect conditions for excellent ripening at a bracing rate resulting in amazing depth of color and wonderful flavor maturity.

Our 2014 Syrah is a product of Paso Robles grown across the appellation. The bulk of the fruit from two of our Hall Ranch vineyards; the majority originates in the stony decomposed granite soils of our "Bench Vineyard," the next component is crafted from the loamy soils of the "Terrace Vineyard." The combination of these two vineyards, and others located south of the winery, yields a wine that shows the rich opulence of Syrah brought to rich maturity in the rolling hills of Paso Robles.

## *Winemaker's Notes*

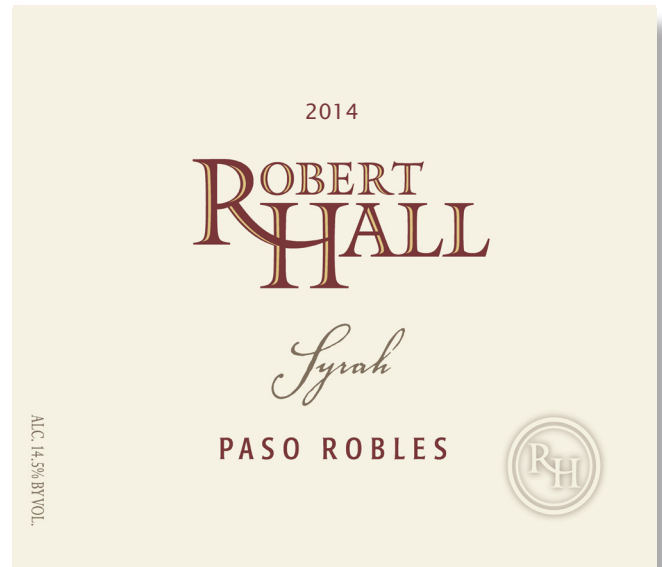
Our 2014 Syrah comes from grapes picked in late-September. Maceration lasted 8 days and was assisted by traditional hand pump-over to amplify color and flavor release. Subsequent to fermentation, the wine was drawn off and the skins pressed. After a short settling period, the wine was racked into French and Eastern European oak barrels where it completed malolactic fermentation and matured for 18 months. Prior to bottling the wine received a final racking to stainless steel where the blend was assembled in preparation for bottling.

## *Wine Facts*

Blend: 88% Syrah  
6% Grenache  
6% Petite Sirah

Total acidity: 6.53 g/L  
pH: 3.53  
Alcohol: 14.5%

Bottled: August 2016



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