



2001 Foothills Reserve Santa Ynez Valley

The 2001 Foothills Reserve is our third vintage, and finest effort to date, of this Bordeaux-style blend. The fruit is sourced from the exciting new Happy Canyon region (located in the eastern portion of the Santa Ynez foothills, at the base of the San Raphael Wilderness), and from the mesas of the Alamo Pintado corridor, in the heart of the Santa Ynez Valley.

In 2001, the Happy Canyon fruit ripened the 3rd week of September, while the Merlot from Carhartt Vineyard ripened a full month later in late October. De-stemmed whole berries were fermented in small open top tanks for 2-3 weeks. Once pressed into oak barrels (60% new Taransaud) the wine aged for 22 months before it was delicately bottled without fining or filtration.

Vineyard Composition:

Merlot (72%):

- Carhartt Vineyard (Alamo Pintado) Clone 8
- Westerly Vineyard (Happy Canyon) Clone 3 Palms
- Vogelzang Vineyard (Happy Canyon) Clone 181

Cabernet Franc (28%):

- Westerly Vineyard (Happy Canyon) Clone 341
- Vogelzang Vineyard (Happy Canyon) Clone 341

Production: 1400 cases

91 Points

“European-style red offering a dense, ruby/purple color as well as a big, sweet nose of white chocolate, blackcherries, currants, cedar and high class French oak. A rich, multidimensional, well-textured, medium to full bodied, long red with supple tannin, it should drink well for 7-8 years. A superlative effort.”

Robert Parker Jr., The Wine Advocate