

2009 “STRAYTS”

55% Merlot / 24% Syrah / 16% Petit Verdot / 5% Cabernet Sauvignon

Jada Vineyard, Paso Robles

TASTING NOTES



Stephan Tanzer - 90 pts.

Silver Medal Winner - Long Beach Grand Cru

Silver Medal - Central Coast Wine Competition

Our Strayts is a tribute to the journey taken by the owner's grandparents from Sicily across the Strait of Messina to reach the Italian mainland. Our own journey with Strayts began in the vineyard, when Jack, the owner, noticed the health, rigor, and complexity of the block 9 Merlot. Through his unwavering faith, it became the base varietal in this one of a kind blend. Only seven barrels selected by the winemaker comprise this Estate bottled blend. Merlot (clone 181) is blended with Syrah (Estrella clone), Petit Verdot (Abreau selection), and a small amount of our best Cabernet Sauvignon (clone 15). Strayts is lively and expressive with aromas of blueberry cobbler, Graham cracker, dried cherries, sage, and licorice. Our barrel program adds several layers of complexity to the wine, including flavors of dark chocolate covered cherries, coffee liqueur, ripe blueberry, and espresso bean. New French oak coopers include, Meyrieux, Taransaud, and Saint Martin.



VINEYARD

Vineyard: Jada Estate Vineyard

Vineyard Locations: Westside Paso Robles (Templeton Gap)

Geology: Shallow topsoil of clay loam over calcareous shale.

Average Elevation: 1,100 ft. to 1,200 ft.

Slope Exposure: South, Southwest, West

Year Planted: 1999

Clone/Rootstock:

Merlot: 181/SO4

Syrah: Estrella/5C

Petit Verdot: Abreau/5C

Cabernet Sauvignon: 15/1103P

WINEMAKING

Harvest Date: 10/2009

Oak: 100% French,; 71 % new/29% once-used.

Barrel Aging: 17 months

Coopers: Meyrieux, Taransaud, & St. Martin

Fining/Filtration: None

FINISHED WINE

pH: 3.77

TA: 0.60 g/100 mL

Alcohol: 15.2%

Bottling Date: 5/2011

Cases Bottled: 164

Release Date: 10/7/2011

Winemaker: Scott Hawley / David Galzignato

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