



**Varietal:** 100% Syrah

**Appellation:** Santa Barbara AVA

**Vineyard:** White Hawk Vineyard, Los Alamos Hills, CA (75 acres on sandy soil)

**Vintage:** Just 21 miles due west of the Pacific Ocean & located at 900 feet elevation, the early morning fog and breezy sunny afternoons allow fruit to ripen slowly.

**Clones:** U.C. Davis Syrah clones 1 and 6

**Canopy:** 5' x 10' spacing allows safe harvesting on steep 15-45% sandy slopes

**Rootstock:** Robust 5c and 110R

**Harvest Date:** October 8, 2008

**Grape Yield:** Less than 2 tons per acre

**Winemaker:** Kian Tavakoli

**Fermentation:** 3 day cold soak, 6 day fermentation, 100% whole berry, no whole cluster

**Yeasts:** Natural (Wild) & Selected (Lalvin ICU-D80)

**Élevage:** 33% Zebra, 2 year old French Oak

**Cooperage:** François Frères (medium toast)

**Fining Agent:** None

**Date Bottled:** May 7, 2010 (polish filtered only)

**Acidity:** Titratable Acidity: 6.2 g/L & pH: 3.75

**Alcohol:** 14.5% by volume

**Production:** 300 hand-numbered bottles (750 ml & 375 ml sizes) - total.

**Suggested Retail Price:** \$38 per 750 ml bottle / \$19 per 375 ml bottle

**Tasting Notes:** Deep dark color with purple rimmed hues. Nearly opaque. Fleshy aroma packed with jammy red & black fruits and toast. Round & lush. Lovely white pepper, earth, anise and espresso/cocoa notes on back palate envelope sturdy tannins that anchor a l-o-n-g finish. Intriguing! A youthful blockbuster, this wine opens up dramatically with swirling or decanting. Cellar for 7-10 years. Superb with dark chocolate, grilled meats, pizza, fajitas, paella and hearty stews.

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