

RED BICYCLETTE

Red Bicyclette® 2009 Syrah

Wine Description

Our 2009 Red Bicyclette Syrah reveals aromas and flavors of dark spice, black cherry, and jammy fruit. Full bodied with ripe fruit on the palate and soft tannins.

Harvest Notes

A dry summer combined with a longer growing season than usual produced grapes of exceptional quality. Budbreak occurred in early spring which was initially wet and cool, but temperatures soon returned to normal levels by April. Flowering began in early June and the summer months remained dry. Harvest (September) brought mildly warm temperatures during the day with cool nights. The longer than usual growing season allowed the berries to ripen slowly and evenly with little threat of disease. Though the crop was smaller than usual, the resulting wines are showing exceptional quality with elegant structure, excellent concentration of flavors and good balance of acidity and tannins.

Winemaking Notes

Our 2009 Red Bicyclette Syrah was sourced from the Languedoc Roussillon region in Southern France. Once the grapes were harvested, they were destemmed and fermented in upright stainless steel fermenters at moderate to warm temperatures (25° C or 77° F). After primary fermentation was complete, the wine went through malolactic fermentation to soften the acidity and help balance out the tannins. The components were then blended, filtered, and cold-stabilized for bottling.

Finished Wine

Varietal Content: 100% Syrah

Varietal Origin: IGT Oc, France

Titrateable Acidity: 0.46 g/100ml

pH: 3.69

Alcohol Level: 13.21%

Residual Sugar: 0.27 g/100ml