

Product code: 3948

Qupé, Syrah, Central Coast, California, USA, 2019



Producer Profile

Qupé focuses on cool climate expressions of Rhône varieties along the Central Coast of Santa Barbara County.

Due to their positioning, right next to the cool Pacific Ocean, they are set apart from most other regions of California. They are a proud member of the Rhone Rangers, America's leading non-profit organization dedicated to promoting American Rhone varietal wines. Their founder, Bob Lindquist, was awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award in 2015 and the Californian poppy logo of the winery is now world renowned.

Viticulture

Syrah is sourced from various vineyards on the Central Coast starting as far south as the Santa Ynez Valley up to the Adelaida District in northern Paso Robles.

Winemaking

10% whole clusters in open-top fermenters before destemming the rest. Fermentation was in a combination of small open-top fermenters using manual punch down, and larger closed-top tanks using pump overs. The wine was aged for 16 months in François Frères Burgundy barrels, 15% new.

Tasting Note

An immediately attractive deep purple colour leads into aromas of blackberry, blackcurrant, and coffee followed by a savory palate with a spicy smoky character and refreshing acidity. The balanced alcohol gives the wine a suppleness that makes it an easy drinker.

Technical Details

Varieties:

Syrah 82%
Grenache 11%
Others 7%

ABV: 13.5%

Closure: Screw cap

Colour: Red

Style: Still wine

Case Size: 12 x 75cl

Oak Ageing

Time: 16 Months

Type: French Burgundy

% wine oaked: 100

% new oak: 15