

Donnachadh Family Wines Estate Syrah

THE FACTS

COUNTRY: USA - CA

REGION: Santa Barbara County

APPELLATION: Sta. Rita Hills

WINEMAKING: Clones Alban, 470- hand picked, 100% destemmed, crushed while still cool, natural yeast, gentle punchdowns, neutral oak

AGING: 16

ANNUAL PRODUCTION: 100 cases

THE STORY

Family owned and organically farmed Donnachadh (Donna-ka) Vineyard is situated on Santa Rosa Road in the famed Sta. Rita Hills. It's also the culmination of a dream for owners Laurie and Drew Duncan. After an expansive search they found 285 acre gem in 2013, and planted 40 acres of Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Syrah with some Gamay & Grenache.

PHILOSOPHY: We strive to make wines that express the beauty of this amazing place. We are inspired by the wines of Burgundy and the Northern Rhone, but want to make wines that recognize the uniqueness of this site. Our operation is super small, which allows us to focus, use our hands, embrace natural yeast and respect the fruit.

THE ADJECTIVES

OVERALL: Dark, Intense, Juicy, Floral

AROMAS / FLAVORS: Tart Cherry and Raspberry, Iron, Violets, Lavender, Crushed Rock and Pepper

MOUTHFEEL: Elegant, Spicy with Lingering Acidity

THE SELLING POINTS

Small production, cool site, balance, organic farming

AWARDS: 95pts Decanter, 93pts Wine Enthusiast

PAIRINGS: Burgers, Game, Grilled Meats, Hard Cheeses

