



**THE WINE:** This seductive blend of Grenache and Syrah, went through elevage for 20 months in 40% new and 60% neutral French oak, and is bottled unfiltered and unfiltered. It offers a full-bodied, polished, and immensely appealing wine with beautiful fruit and perfect balance. Alluring aromas of black cherry jam, mocha, earth and floral overtones follow through to the palate in this amazingly complex and layered wine. The mid-palate displays dark fruit, red raspberry, and a hint of vanilla. The persistent finish lingers for over 30 seconds.

**THE VINEYARDS:** The Grenache is grown at the Larner Vineyard, a 150 acre family-owned property in the Santa Ynez Valley (Santa Barbara County, California). The Syrah is grown in the Shadow Canyon Vineyard, located at 1,600' elevation approximately 8 miles from the Pacific Ocean in the York Mountain Appellation. The Cool marine air and fog that roll into the vineyard, which experiences daytime highs in the 80's and 90's with night time lows in the 40's, promotes a long growing season and balanced fruit development.

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**2007 Grenache - Larner Vineyard (Barrel Sample, 92-94 points)**

A potentially sensational cuvee is the unevolved 2007 Grenache Larner Vineyard. This black/purple-tinged wine represents the essence of Grenache. It possesses gorgeously sweet black raspberry and black cherry fruit intermixed with notes of licorice, graphite, and incense. Pure, rich, and full-bodied it is a stunning example that comes close to equaling the two finest Grenaches of the region, the Sine Qua Non, and Alban Vineyard efforts. Drink this beauty over the next decade.

**2007 Syrah - Shadow Canyon Vineyard (Barrel Sample, 90-93 points)**

More promising is the brilliant 2007 Syrah Shadow Canyon Vineyard, which exhibits a dense purple color along with sweet crème de cassis, blackberry, bay leaf, forest floor, and spring flower characteristics. Full-bodied with excellent precision and freshness, it should be a terrific red once it has been bottled.

<p><b>Bottling:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bottled June 2009</li> <li>• AVA: Central Coast</li> <li>• Alcohol: 14.6%</li> <li>• pH: 3.72</li> <li>• TA: .612 g/100mL</li> </ul>	<p><b>Winemaking:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 34% Grenache 66% Syrah</li> <li>• Open-top fermentation</li> <li>• Native yeast</li> <li>• 40% new French oak</li> <li>• Bottled unfiltered &amp; unfiltered</li> </ul>
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