



Syrah grows well in climates ranging from the hot Barossa Valley to the cool nooks and crannies of the Sonoma Coastal appellations, it can be made in a range of styles from the hot and jammy monster to the light rosé. We strive to make a bold red wine that is restrained by moderate acidity and tannins that are round and rich, we want our wines to age gracefully for many years and match well with local food.

This Syrah showcases the intensity of character from a unique location. The Goosechase vineyard, part of the R-bar-N ranch in the Chalk Hill area is comprised of three acres of Syrah planted on an east facing rocky hill that soaks in the early morning sun but rests in the shade during the scorching heat of our late afternoon summer days. The vines in this block are planted on Saint George rootstock, a drought-tolerant rootstock that de-vigorates the vine and results in very small berry size and relatively low yields, all working to intensify flavors.

As with all the wines of Longboard, the point of this wine is to strike a balance of components that manifests in a complex and layered experience that is true to the variety and the growing season. The 2014 Goosechase Syrah is a fairly concentrated Syrah without going overboard to the "pruney" or "raisiny" realm. We aged this wine for two years in French oak barrels, allowing it to mature slowly and develop a bit of an earthy character as it mellowed out and gained depth. What started as a special wine for our most loyal wine club members, is slowly evolving to become a regular bottling only in years when we feel the quality is exceptional.

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2014 SYRAH

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

GOOSECHASE VINEYARD

Composition: 100% Syrah

Appellation: 100% Russian River Valley, Sonoma County

Elevation: Small batch resident yeast fermentation. Aged 20 months in French Oak casks.

Analysis: Alcohol 14.8 %
TA 6.65 g/L pH 3.72

Production: 162 Cases

MSRP: \$ 58.00