

RIDEAU VINEYARD

2022 THOMPSON VINEYARD SYRAH

Thompson Vineyard remains one of Santa Barbara County's most expressive Syrah sites. The 2022 opens with blackberry compote and violets, accented by peppercorn and smoked herbs. The palate is fruit-driven, with juicy dark plum and blueberry framed by a plush texture and fleshy tannins that bring structure and balance.

2022 VINTAGE NOTES

A dry winter and cool spring in 2022 shaped balanced vine growth in Alisos Canyon, with lighter yields setting the tone early in the season. Moderate summer weather preserved acidity before a Labor Day heat event hastened ripening and brought harvest forward. The vintage produced concentrated, expressive wines with vibrant acids and structure, reflecting the AVA's warm days, cool nights, and persistent winds.

VINEYARD SOURCE NOTES

Thompson Vineyard is situated in the windy Alisos Canyon corridor between Santa Ynez Valley and Los Alamos. These own-rooted Estrella clone vines are draped in fog in the morning and blasted by wind in the evening, producing low-yielding, concentrated, and fruit forward grapes that show serious structure and depth.

VINEYARD & HARVEST

Vineyard: Thompson Vineyard
AVA: Alisos Canyon
Clone: Estrella
Soil: Tierra sandy loam
Harvest: 10/2022

TECHNICAL

Brix: 23.4
MLF: Natural
Fermentation: On skins in bins
with 33% dried stems
Alcohol: 15.5%

AGING & RELEASE

Aging Duration: 27 months
Oak Type: 30% New French
Bottling Date: 1/2025
First Release: 9/2025

This Syrah is a natural with grilled tri-tip, slow-smoked brisket, or rosemary lamb skewers. Its rich, peppery fruit also shines alongside hearty beef stew, sausage and peppers, or a classic Sunday roast.