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### 2004 SYRAH Santa Ynez Valley

#### **Tasting Notes**

The 2004 syrah shows off the unique terroir that makes Westerly so special. The nose is full of dark fruits, smoke, spice and pepper, with the palate showing more of the same, with a very rich mouthfeel and nice balance of fruit, oak and tannins. The wine is quite round and rich, with a smooth mouthfeel and quiet finish.

#### **From *The Wine Spectator* - Rating: 92 points**

Bold, ripe and concentrated, with rich currant, black cherry and blackberry fruit that's well-centered, elegant and balanced, finishing with a long, complex, fruity aftertaste. Drink now through 2012.

#### **Winemaking**

After hand-harvesting, the grapes were lightly crushed and destemmed into small open-top fermenters. During fermentation, the must was punched down manually three times each day to ensure balanced extraction of flavor and color, and to round out the mouthfeel and tannin profile. At dryness the wine was pressed and settled, then racked to French oak barrels for aging. New oak was limited to 30 percent of the barrels to ensure retention of delicate fruit components.

#### **Varietal Composition**

Syrah 100%

#### **Vineyard**

Westerly Estate

#### **Brix at Harvest**

25.2

#### **Aging Method**

20 months

French oak barrels (30% new)

#### **Final Analysis**

pH 3.75

TA .57

Alc. 14.7%

#### **Cases Produced**

285

