



2009 SIX WHITE HORSES-SYRAH



NOTES

So as we've custom-planted the 28-or-so acres that we now farm for all of our 'raw material', it was inevitable that we would need to gradually give up some of the acreage contracts in the existing vineyard blocks that we had been farming prior to 2008.

'Six White Horses' is thus the follow up to the 2008 'Endangered Species' and a reference to the fact that this is the last in a row of Syrah-based wines that we were able to coax from vineyards like Watch Hill since 2004 - :(as they say in emails these days...

What makes the parting even more difficult is the fact that, other than the 2005 Kuberbetes, this is surely the best that this block has given us (as if it knew, or something).

The resulting wine is unapologetically California Syrah that reminds me of some of the delicious wines that Steve Edmunds made from the Durrell Vineyard in the late 80's / early 90's, which showed that there was the potential for greatness in California Syrah with its own stamp, and which partially inspired me to start making wine in the first place.

- Matthias Pippig | Winegrower

WINE STATISTICS

Varietals	Syrah 92% (15% Whole Cluster), Viognier 8%
Vineyards	Watch Hill, Bien Nacido
Harvest Dates	November 1
Yields	1.1 tons / acre 1.6 lbs/vine
Brix (at harvest)	26
Alcohol	15.6%
pH / TA	3.62 / 5.2
Barrels / Coopers	300L Hogs Heads 100% new
Barrel Aging	34 months
Rackings	two
Filtering / Fining	None
Scheduled Bottling	August 2012
Production	100 (9L) cases
Scheduled Release	Fall 2012
Suggested Retail Price	\$65