



2008 THE PROPHET, SYRAH



GOVERNMENT WARNING:
 (1) ACCORDING TO THE SURGEON GENERAL, WOMEN SHOULD NOT DRINK ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DURING PREGNANCY BECAUSE OF THE RISK OF BIRTH DEFECTS.
 (2) CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IMPAIRS YOUR ABILITY TO DRIVE A CAR OR OPERATE MACHINERY, AND MAY CAUSE HEALTH PROBLEMS.

750 ML. ALC. 15.7% CONTAINS SULFITES



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2008 CALIFORNIA SYRAH

Produced & Bottled by Sanguis, Santa Barbara, California
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Great care was taken in growing these grapes and making this wine. The precise composition of grape varieties, sites from whence they hail and methods of production are a SECRET because an open mind will be your best travel companion for the JOURNEY on which you are about to embark. - enjoy the moment!

NOTES

This is a 'McQueen' wine – both Steve and Alexander are heroes of style and masculinity. 'The Prophet' embodies those ideals with much as much gusto as the two men went at life and their work. The wine is yet another 'first effort' – this one from a Syrah block which we planned and planted (also in 2006) with the folks at the Bien Nacido Vineyard, and which has been tended to by the hands of the exceedingly capable Chris Hammel.

Yields were about a quarter ton per acre, and despite that 'manageable workload', this was the last fruit to be picked in 2008, on October 17th, which for that year was late - it was cold, it was windy, the vines were tired, most of the workers had left for their vacations in sunny Mexico, the flavors were slow in coming, the tannins still had to soften. Things were looking bleak and it was a time to be tempted by a wrong decision driven by a desire to finally get done with the vintage. Avoiding the temptation, by the time we did finally pick, these were the ugliest looking Syrah grapes I've ever harvested (the skins of these grapes looked like Yoda's skin turned black) – but as usual, the ugliest grapes make the best wine.

Not for the faint of heart, the Prophet is a massive wine that will probably age for well beyond 20 years and it has that mysterious dark charm, elegance and sophistication that makes Syrah entirely irresistible to this winegrower. [140 six-pack cases produced from 4 acres]

WINE STATISTICS

Varietals	Syrah 100%
Vineyards	Bien Nacido
Harvest Dates	October 24, 2008
Yields	0.25 tons / acre ~ 0.5 lbs/vine
Brix (at harvest)	25.9
Alcohol	15.7%
pH	3.58/3.71 (at harvest/final)
Barrels / Coopers	Barriques for 22 months, 400 L Punchcons for 17 months ~ 70% new oak
Barrel Aging	39 months
Rackings	2 (including blend assembly)
Filtering / Fining	None
Blend Assembled	September 2010
Bottled	February 2012
Production	80 cases
Release Date	April 2012
Suggested Retail Price	\$75

- Matthias Pippig | Winegrower

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