

2010 TIERRA MAR SYRAH



THE GRAPE

Native to the Rhone Valley, the noble Syrah grape is the key ingredient in many of the world's best red wines, from bold Australian Shiraz to age-worthy French Hermitage...

THE PLACE

The Santa Lucia Highlands - East facing terraces with plentiful sun; strong ocean breezes and cooling fog; porous, well drained hillside soils. Syrah fruit rivaling the finest from any region...

THE WINE

Morgan Tierra Mar displays the power and elegance of Syrah from the Santa Lucia Highlands: intense berry, plum and spice character balanced by structuring tannins.

THE REVIEWS

To be Reviewed

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Morgan Tierra Mar demonstrates the power and elegance capable from Syrah grown in the Santa Lucia Highlands. The '10 cuvee was selected from Morgan's Double L Vineyard as well as Fairview Vineyard. The Double L Vineyard was planted on east facing terraces overlooking the Salinas River Valley. The north-south vineyard row orientation provides optimum sun exposure and access to the strong afternoon breezes. The winds moderate the afternoon temperature, thickening the grape skins and concentrating flavors. The Double L Vineyard is the first in the Santa Lucia Highlands to achieve both organic and sustainable certifications.

The 2010 growing season was even longer than most in the Highlands'. Above average rainfall in the spring combined with cool summer temperatures delayed the vines by about two weeks. Warm weather in late September ripened the fruit for a harvest that lasted through November 4th.

After extended hang-time, the fruit is hand picked and sorted. The grapes were de-stemmed and fermented in small open tanks to retain the subtle characteristics of cool climate fruit. Manual punch-downs and extended maceration insures color and flavor extraction with well integrated tannins. The wine was aged for 14 months in 25% new Taransaud French barrels.

The 2010 Tierra Mar Syrah displays aromas of black cherry, plum, pepper and black licorice. Rich flavors of blackberry jam, dark chocolate and fig complete the palate, all while velvety tannins add polish.

VINEYARD

Appellation: Santa Lucia Highlands
Vineyard: Double L & Fairview
Rootstock: 5C & 110r
Soils: Gravelly Loam
Climate: Very Cool, Region I (UCD)

WINE

Alcohol: 13.8%
Acidity: 5.8 g/L
pH: 3.64
Clones: 470 & 383
Oak Aging: 14 Months in 100% Taransaud French Barrels