



THE STORY

The Hidden Terrace Vineyard is a well-kept secret sequestered on a steep south-facing slope at the edge of our Mountain Estate, high above the Sonoma Valley floor. Farmed entirely by hand due to the severe incline, this small vineyard is composed of rare tufa (volcanic chalk) soil that produces Syrah of intense concentration and varietal distinction. Extremely low yields limit the availability of this wine to private collectors directly from the winery.

THE WINE

- 95% Syrah, 5% Merlot
- Cold soaked for 3 days; whole-berry fermented 20 days in open-top tanks
- Barrel aged 19 months on primary lees in French Oak barrels (50% new oak)
- Bottled unfiltered
- Alcohol by volume 14.7%
- Bottle date: May 2014
- 181 cases produced

TASTING NOTES The 2012 Hidden Terrace Syrah shows exotic aromas of freshly crushed black pepper-corn, ripe plum, violet and smoked duck. These savory aromatics set the stage for a densely concentrated wine on the palate with notes of cherry, thyme and roast spices. Framed by notable, plush tannins, this vintage demonstrates great persistence on the finish. Patience to decant 1-2 hours or allow 30 minutes in the glass will be greatly rewarded.

~ Whitney Fisher, *Winemaker*