

BIG BASIN

VINEYARDS

Our approach to winegrowing is rooted in the earth and refined by hand. Great wines are grown, not made so we farm organically, harvest by hand, ferment with native yeast, never filter or fine and use minimal sulfur. Ocean breezes, rocky soils, mountainous terrain establish the Santa Cruz and Gabilan Mountains as exceptional winegrowing terroir. Each vineyard we work with has a unique personality that inspires us to let them speak for themselves. Our steep windswept hillsides first planted over 100 years ago are now planted to Pinot Noir, Syrah, Grenache, and Roussanne. Founder and winemaker Bradley Brown has evolved the style at Big Basin to produce wines with more energy, intensity and dimension that speak clearly of their mountain origins.



2018 ODEON

70% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Syrah

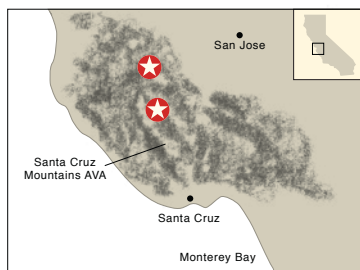
SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS

VINEYARD

We have been making this special cuvee since 2008, inspired by other Cabernet Sauvignon/Syrah blends from around the world. These two varietals have the potential to blend beautifully, and that was what compelled us to produce this wine. It has always been one of our customer favorites. This vintage is special to us as it is 100% Santa Cruz Mountains AVA fruit, with the Cab coming from the amazing Betchart Vineyard on Montebello Road next to Ridge, and the Syrah from our Estate vineyard.

WINEMAKER NOTES

We have evolved our winemaking substantially from 2008, and this vintage definitely reflects that evolution. The blend is dominated by the Betchart Cabernet (70%) with one of the three barrels used being new French oak using our special toast which is incredibly transparent and hard to notice in the wine. A single barrel of estate Syrah was included. The final blend is overall 40% whole cluster, and as is our practice, all indigenous fermentation. Perfumed mountain cabernet dominates the nose, with brooding hints of Syrah underlying it. The way these two varietals intertwine is compelling and draws one in. Odeon always pushes our senses when creating the blend.



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