

# 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, avoid filtering or fining 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.

### 2019 SIXTY-TWO TERRACES SYRAH SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS (ESTATE)

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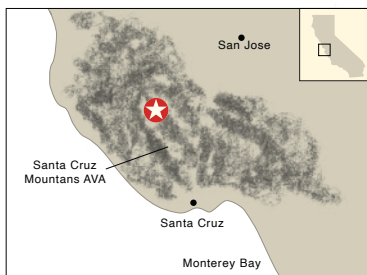


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Sixty-Two Terraces Syrah is our second Estate vineyard designate planted after Rattlesnake Rock. The vineyard follows a Ridgeline with a South West aspect from just above the winery, all of the way to the top of the main ridge (dividing watersheds) in a series of Sixty Two Terraces. Seven terraces are planted to Viognier (East Terraces Viognier), but the remainder go into Sixty Two Terraces. Rattlesnake Rock and Sixty Two Terraces planting are both entirely Alban Field Selections. While Rattlesnake Rock's Cote Rotie field selection is classically floral with violet and lavender, Sixty Two Terraces are planted to two very different field selections which even look different in the vineyard. The resulting wine tends to be more savory and spicy. The Sixty Two Terraces selections, Baby Block and Power Block, both have smaller clusters and are more compact than the long loose clusters in Rattlesnake Rock.

#### WINEMAKER NOTES

Camphor, dark red fruit, nutmeg, baking spices, sausage with fennel all mingle on the nose. Intense, vibrant, and verging on rustic were it not for the abundant almost tart fruit extract. This wine is a brash baby, yet all so delicious and seductive in its youth. Fruit is abundant, yet balanced by spice, savory elements and earth.



#### Vine Age

13 & 9 years

#### Elevation:

1258-1400 ft

#### Aspect:

West, Southwest; 12-35%

#### Soil:

0-16" Sandy Clay Loam over Two Bar Shale and Sandstone Bedrock

#### Selection/Clones:

"Alban Powerblock" Syrah, "Alban BabyBlock Syrah", "Alban The Knolls" Viognier

#### Fermentation:

Native primary & Malo-lactic

#### Alcohol:

13.0%

#### Elevage:

20 months, French oak

No filtration or fining

#### Cases Produced:

210

#### Retail Price:

\$60