

2015 TIERRA SANGIOVESE BALLARD CANYON, SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

100% Sangiovese | 68 Cases Produced

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RUMINATIONS

A NOTE ON DRINKABILITY: While I usually push for early enjoyment of our wines to capture their vibrant youth and energy, I'd strongly recommend laying the 2015 Desafio, Alma, Fuerza and Tierra down for a number of years. They all contain so much of what makes 2015 superb: incredible generosity of fruit, remarkable concentration of flavors, lifted freshness and a structural integrity that seems to frame the fruit and finish for days. Thanks to this combination of energy and power, they could certainly use a few years to evolve and stretch out. See if you can find a spot for them in your cellar...

In the meantime, there is so much immediate pleasure in the 2015 Sangre, Fenix and Todos, though they too will blossom to become so much more complete with some additional time. They offer an earlier window through which to enjoy and understand what a fantastic vintage we experienced in 2015! — Matt Dees Winemaker

ON THE WINE

Purity of sangiovese flavors. Bright red fruit with notes of sage and cured meat. Black cherry, dried tobacco and mint. Tight and reserved, yet showing signs of a powerful core of raspberry fruit. Extremely fine tannins and an impressive backbone of acidity. A sincere and sophisticated sangiovese from our best plot of vines. Suave and full of kinetic energy. — Matt Dees Winemaker

ACCOLADES

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