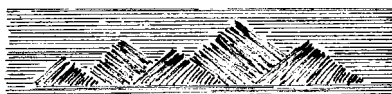


Spann Vineyards



Betsy's Backacher, California Lot 12

Blend: 48% Merlot, 39% Syrah, 6% Malbec, 3% Cabernet Franc, 2% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 2% Sangiovese

Source: The merlot is 2014 vintage from Amador County, the syrah is 2012, 2013 and 2014 vintages from Sonoma Valley, the malbec and Cabernet franc are 2012 vintage while the cabernet sauvignon is 2011 vintage from Sonoma Valley.

Alcohol: 13.4%

Fermentation: Some lots were fermented in open top bins, hand punched down, while others were fermented in stainless steel tanks. Full malolactic fermentation for all varietals was completed in 59 gallon oak barrels.

Barrel Aging: All varietals were aged in four to six-year old French oak barrels.

Residual Sugar: .01% (not perceptible)

Production: 1,150 cases

Winemaker: Betsy Spann

Winemakers Notes:

Betsy's Backacher is dark red in color, has a rustic nose of red cherries and plums with a touch of licorice and a taste that follows: juicy red cherries and black licorice with no harsh tannins.

We love to create interesting blends and our multi-varietal, multi-vintage Backacher gives us the freedom to explore all possibilities. We start with the lighter-bodied, earlier maturing barrels that don't fit into our fuller bodied blends and add richness by blending in syrah. From there we experiment with small portions of other grape varieties to add complexity. Each Backacher lot is a slightly different blend but the idea is the same, an eminently enjoyable, richly flavored, fruit-forward wine.

The older vintage wine in this blend gives complexity and smoothness while the younger lots add bright fruit aromas and flavors.

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