

# NADEAU

*Family Vintners*

## 2014 Syrah

### The **Winery**

Nadeau Family Vintners is the result of years of effort by Robert Nadeau and his wife, Patrice. Together they renovated a tiny barn in the mountains west of Paso Robles, transforming it into an efficient, well-equipped micro-winery. Old-world styled vineyards have been planted on the slopes surrounding the building...most of the planting is dedicated to dry-farmed, head-trained Zinfandel, with an acre or so devoted to Grenache Noir and Petite Sirah. Situated at the top of Peachy Canyon, the property is generally above the morning fog and usually receives about twice the rainfall experienced in Paso Robles.

### The **Wine**

The opulent red wines of the northern Rhone Valley inspired the Nadeau Family Vintners' **2014 Syrah**. The grapes for the **Syrah** came from two vineyards both in the Estrella area just East of Paso Robles.

A combination of French oak and American oak barrel-aging has lent the **2014 Syrah** lovely, soft oak tannins accompanied by subtle toasty-oak nuances. Aromas of blackberries and currants are married with a noticeable oak component, which carries this wine from the nose to the finish.

This wine will likely accompany any "typical" red wine fare, so we doubt you'll need any help finding dishes which this wine will compliment.

This is a balanced, approachable wine which might benefit from a brief aging period - perhaps as long as 5 years - however, we believe this wine is showing nicely now and needs no additional bottle aging.

### The **Blend**

100% Syrah

### The **Vital Statistics**

100% Paso Robles Appellation

100% 2014 Vintage

Harvest date: September 26, 2014

The two **Syrah** lots were fermented separately using commercial (proprietary) yeast. These grapes were crushed, then fermented for about 10 days on their skins, and finally pressed using a modern pneumatic bladder press. Barrel aged in *French and American oak barrels*.

The 2014 vintage yielded just 91 cases.