



IPO WINES

COUNTRY
USA

REGION
California

APPELLATION
Santa Barbara County

SOIL TYPE
Varies - steep slopes and well-drained loam

VARIETAL(S)
100% Syrah

FARMING
Sustainable

WINEMAKER
Jim Binns



2020 Andremily Winery Syrah "Slide Hill Estate"

IMPORTED BY IPO Wines

ABOUT THE PRODUCER

At Andremily we are committed to creating truly special handcrafted wines in an artisan manner, our focus will remain on creating wines of distinction, never compromising for the sake of quantity.

Andremily has one offering each fall, which is shipped the following spring. Working with vineyard sites that they feel offer the truest sense of what California Syrah has to offer. They take farming seriously, working diligently to promote vineyard health, and limit yields. They do this to help ensure the highest level of quality both now and in the future.

After working with the fruit from White Hawk Vineyard for the better part of a decade while working at Sine Qua Non, they knew just how special this Vineyard was. They couldn't have been more excited, when Manfred and Elaine generously offered them the opportunity to take over the two blocks Sine Qua Non had farmed since White Hawk was planted in 2000.

The White Hawk Vineyard is planted on nearly pure sand on the south facing slope of Cat Canyon in Santa Barbara County. White Hawks proximity to the Pacific Ocean helps to insure a cool even growing season. The often nutrient deficient sandy soils cause the vines to struggle, yielding wines with greater concentration, and intense aromatics.

The Larner Vineyard established in 1999 is the southernmost Vineyard in Ballard Canyon in Santa Barbara County. The Vineyard is entirely south facing, with predominantly sandy soils. They are very pleased to be given the opportunity to work with the Larner's, and the Larner Vineyard.

Alta Mesa Vineyard, established in 2000, is located in the Cuyama Valley of Santa Barbara County. Alta Mesa sits perched above Santa Barbara Highlands Vineyard at 3200 feet in elevation. This vineyard easily has the most extreme climate of all the sites with which they work. It can on occasion reach triple digits in the peak summer afternoons. They feel this is the perfect climate for the Mourvedre we source there. The soils consist of decomposed granite and clay loam. There are large rocks of schist, quartzite, basalt, and gneiss throughout the Alta Mesa Vineyard.

WINE NOTES

Slide Hill Vineyard consists of 3 rolling hills and a meadow with a variety of slopes, orientations, and soils. The vineyard consists of 39 planted acres in total. Counting Syrah and Grenache as its primary offering, there are also small blocks of Chardonnay, Viognier, Marsanne, Albarino, and Tempranillo. We are very thrilled to have Slide Hill Vineyard as a major component to the Andremily Wines. 95% Syrah and 5% White Grapes, 30% whole cluster fermentation.

100 points, "The 2020 Slide Hill Estate Syrah is the first estate release from Andremily, composed of 95% Syrah and 5% white grapes from 39 planted acres at Slide Hill Vineyard in Edna Valley, which Andremily recently purchased. It was vinified with 30% whole clusters and matured for around 34 months in 80% new French barriques. Bottled August 26 and tasted October 25, it's an incredible wine that opens with a deep well of pure aromas: blueberry, violet and lilac give way to star anise, roasted coffee, sagebrush and botanical tones. The palate is explosive! Highly concentrated and focused, it's defined by its surprising vibrancy and sheer depth of flavor. It has a support of abundant, chocolate-textured tannins and incredible length. This mind-bending Syrah, already incredibly delicious, deserves plenty of bottle time to continue to unfold. Just 200 cases were made, which will be sold as part of a three-bottle box set (price to be determined). Magnums will be sold separately." - Jeb Dunnuck