



2004 VENTANA VINEYARD SYRAH

100% Syrah

Appellation: Arroyo Seco

Production: 331 Cases

Alcohol: 14.3%

Retail: \$30

Tasting Notes – Floral aromatics of lavender and violets, black and red fruits show through with just a hint from the peppermill. This opaque purple colored wine is loaded with flavors of red raspberries, black cherries, smoke, olives, cured meat, and white pepper.

Pair With – Fish are a perfect compliment -- both smoked and grilled salmon to go well with this wine. While the wine is young, game birds and other poultry work well. After a few more years roasted meats are a better combination. Drink now to 10 years.

“The Ventana Vineyards are located just south west of Salinas in Monterey County. These vineyards are unique in that the Syrah vines are planted on their own rootstock, not grafted. The sandy soil prevents the development of the phylloxera bug, a root louse that likes to feed on the susceptible roots of vinifera vines. We believe that allowing the Syrah to be on its own rootstock provides a more true expression of the variety and the vineyard.” – Jeff Cohn

92 Points, Connoisseurs' Guide to California Wine

89 Points, Wine Spectator