



FLANAGAN

2009 SYRAH, *Bennet Valley,*
Sonoma Coast



HARVEST DATE October 19, 2009

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CASES PRODUCED 96

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VINEYARD

Bennett Valley, which is Sonoma County's newest appellation, is rapidly gaining renown for the quality of its Syrah. Because the estate is high in elevation with steep, south and southwest aspects, we have one of the warmest and rockiest sites in Bennett Valley.

PRODUCTION NOTES

The 2009 Flanagan Syrah is a true triumph for us. The end of vintage saw heavy rains followed by lots of heat. By making a super strict selection we were able to craft a very good wine. Our 2009 Syrah displays great varietal character. It has the characteristic rich purple color and expressive nose that we always get from our Bennett Valley Estate. This vintage is a true expression of the classic Rhone profile.

TASTING NOTES

A nose of black fruit and spice is an introduction to the mélange of ripe black plum, warm crushed rock, vanilla, and pepper. As always this wine was barrel fermented in our caves and aged for 20 months in 100% new French oak. Barrel fermenting, minimal racking, and the use of nitrogen to protect the wine during racking lets us to keep the wine in barrel longer. This allows for better integration of oak and fruit without losing the brightness of the wine.