



FLANAGAN

2012 SYRAH, *Bennet Valley*,
Sonoma Coast



HARVEST DATE October 14, 2012

PH 3.87

TA 5.3

CASES PRODUCED 550

RELEASE DATE October 12, 2014

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 2012 Syrah extends the winning streak of Flanagan Syrah. Our wine is produced from our Bennett Valley estate and is grown on the steep hillsides of Bennett Mountain. The site enjoys a predominantly southwest aspect, slopes of up to 35%, red volcanic soils, and powerful upslope maritime winds from the Petaluma Gap. Many people feel both the wine and the vineyard are reminiscent of the great Hermitage region in the Rhone Valley.

TASTING NOTES

The 2012 Syrah reflects the warm, ripe character of the vintage. It was a great year to grow Syrah in a cool site! The nose shows tantalizing floral notes accompanied by hints of vanilla and spice. On the palate the wine is generous, balanced, and lush with black and blue fruits, spice, and savory game notes. Think of a roast venison loin with a hint of salt and pepper and a cassis reduction. This is another stunning example of the heights which well-made, ripe, cool climate California Syrah can attain. As always we barrel fermented our Syrah in our caves and aged it in 100% new French oak.