

RED • CAR

WEST SONOMA COAST

2011 ESTATE VINEYARD

SYRAH

➤ ELEV. 1,000 FT. / PACIFIC OCEAN 3.7 MI.

FORT ROSS - SEAVIEW

➤ ESTATE VINEYARD

Our original Red Car Estate Vineyard is perched atop the chilly and mountainous Fort Ross - Seaview appellation at elevations between 900–1000 feet, its view defined by giant coastal redwoods and the fog laden Pacific Ocean. Syrah from this 2011 vintage was harvested from six year old vines planted in fractured marine sandstone that weathered over millions of years from an uplifted seabed known as the Ohlson Ranch Formation. This Syrah shows itself texturally by moving from front to back of the mouth in a more linear fashion instead of around the outskirts of the mouth as liquid roundness. This Syrah maintains bright acidity throughout and has more in common with Burgundy than the Southern Rhone. Think Pinot Noir with pepper.

➤ TASTE

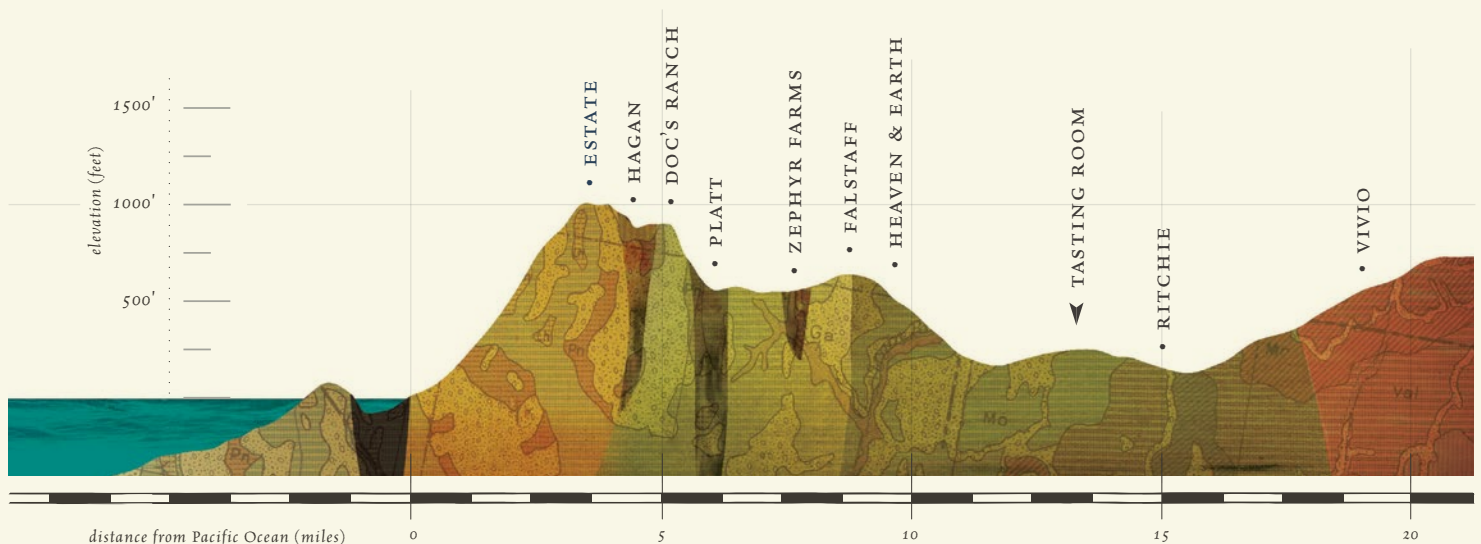
Wild huckleberry, clove, tobacco, white pepper

➤ PHILOSOPHY

Red Car is focused on growing Pinot Noir, Chardonnay and Syrah in a network of cold-climate vineyards on the edge of the Pacific in the West Sonoma Coast. We are hands-on farmers, part of a small cadre of wineries in our region who are fortunate to grow a large majority of our own fruit. For several years now we have worked hard to go beyond sustainability and have integrated the concepts and principles of organic, biodynamic and permaculture systems into our farming as we search for nature's ideal pathways. Our wines are made in small lots utilizing minimalist intervention techniques like native yeast fermentation, gravity flow, and natural acid.

➤ SPECS

ALCOHOL	12.7%
VINEYARD	<i>Estate</i>
AVA	<i>Fort Ross - Seaview</i>
PRODUCTION	<i>390 Cases</i>
AVERAGE BRIX	<i>21.0°</i>
TOTAL ACIDITY	<i>5.79 g/L</i>
STEMS	<i>15%</i>
FRENCH OAK	<i>27% New, 73% Neutral</i>
pH LEVEL	<i>3.64</i>
CLONES	<i>Alban</i>
SOIL TYPE	<i>Ohlson Sandstone</i>
BARREL AGING	<i>18 Months</i>



VINEYARDS on the EDGE OF THE PACIFIC

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