



2020 Cuvee le Bec Santa Ynez Valley AVA

The 2020 season will be remembered for its intense heat spikes in the Santa Ynez Valley. Thankfully, unlike most parts of California, we had no fire and smoke issues with our grapes and wines. Other than the intense heat the season was a good one and has produced wines of outstanding quality with lower than average yields. The heat that came in August and September shut down some vines and caused damage to some fruit, so sorting in the vineyard and winery was essential to a successful vintage. Our biodynamic farming also helped to offset some of the negative effects of the heat which helped to make 2020 another stellar vintage for Beckmen Vineyards.

Composition	Vineyards	Harvest Dates
51% Syrah	Purisima Mountain Vineyard	Syrah: 9/21 - 10/12
38% Grenache	<i>Ballard Canyon AVA</i>	Grenache: 10/20 - 11/5
6% Mourvedre	Thomas and Judith Beckmen Estate Vineyard	Mourvedre & Counoise: 11/5 - 11/6
5% Counoise	<i>Los Olivos District AVA</i>	

Winemaking & Aging

- 5 different Syrah clones, 3 different Grenache clones.
- Syrah portion was handpicked and hand sorted. Grenache, Mourvedre, and Counoise were handpicked and not sorted but they were fermented individually.
- Fermented with native yeast.
- Two punch downs per day on all lots.
- On skins from 7-18 days depending on the lot.
- Aged 14 months in 12.5% new French oak 60-70gallon barrels, 87.5% neutral French oak barrels and puncheon.

Analysis			Production
ALCOHOL: 15.0%	PH: 3.74	TOTAL ACIDITY: 5.9 g/L	3,950 cases

Tasting Notes

Notes of ripe red and black fruits, florals, and spices.

Release Date	Drinking Window	SRP	UPC Code
February 2022	2022 - 2034	\$28	71368497700

Winemaker

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