# BECKMEN VINEYARDS

#### 2022 Barrel Select Cuvee

50% Grenache, 31% Syrah, 19% Mourvèdre Santa Ynez Valley AVA

## The Vintage

The 2022 season was defined by a few major events that shaped the quality and quantity of the vintage. The lack of rainfall and strong winds during bloom set the stage for a smaller than average crop. The middle of the season was uneventful until we were hit by a long heatwave in the first half of September. We harvested like crazy during this period and shortly after, and picked all whites, some rosé, and some young blocks of Syrah. The vines shut down for a bit as the weather cooled and normalized, so we waited until the second week of October to harvest the remaining blocks, finishing in the first week of November. As is the case with a small crop, the quality is high but yields were down 35% overall, so we will be bottling much less of the 2022 vintage than the previous several vintages.

## **Technical Notes**

51% Purisima Mountain Vineyard 49% Thomas & Judith Estate Vineyard Harvested: October 20 – November 4

Alcohol: 14.9% Case Production: 275

pH: 3.72 TA: 5.2 q/L

#### Winemaking

Clusters were hand-sorted, destemmed then cold-soaked for 2-3 days Fermented for 10-12 days with native yeast

Punched down by hand twice daily

17 Months aging:

9% new French oak

32% once- and twice-used French oak

59% neutral oak

#### Sales

Released: February 2025 Drinking Window: 2025 – 2040

