



# CONSILIENCE

SANTA BARBARA

Winemaker Brett Escalera teamed up with physician Tom Daughters to create Consilience in 1999. Using Rhône and Burgundian grape varieties from some of Santa Barbara's finest vineyards, Consilience captures the unique, essential character of the celebrated Central Coast. The winery has since expanded its purview to include grape varieties with powerful Bordelais associations as well as the decidedly Californian Petite Sirah and Zinfandel.

Brett's wine career began in 1985 at Santa Barbara Winery. After several years of seasonal work, he entered the graduate enology program at Cal State Fresno, completing a second major in Enology, a minor in Viticulture, and a Masters of Science in Agricultural Chemistry. Knowledge and experience gained from his thesis project on the trellising, training, and pruning of Chardonnay vines in Santa Barbara is evident in the quality and character of these wines. Brett worked at Byron and Fess Parker before creating Consilience.

Nearly all Consilience fruit is grown in the Santa Ynez Valley on California's Central Coast. The gently rolling hills are close enough to the ocean to benefit from cool night breezes, but far enough inland so heat can build up over the course of the day. Temperature variances as great as 30° in a day provide perfect ripening conditions.

## VIIGNIER

75% Viognier with 10% Grenache Blanc (Estelle Vineyard) and smaller amounts of Roussanne, Sauvignon Blanc and Albariño; aged 14 months in neutral French oak. *Rich in minerality, floral and apricot aromatics – splendid with seafood dishes and a wide array of spicy foods!*

## CHARDONNAY

La Presa Vineyard Chardonnay blended with smaller amounts of Grenache Blanc and Loureiro from Estelle Vineyard. *Medium-bodied with stone fruits and citrus on the nose and palate; hints of smoke with crisp minerality and bright lemon bursts on the finish.*

## GRENACHE BLANC

An increasingly popular grape outside Mediterranean vineyards, Grenache Blanc produces quite versatile wines with distinctly non-Chardonnay characteristics. *Red apples and spice dominate the nose and palate, with fine mineral and flinty components. The long and complex finish avoids any heaviness, and consequently this wine is a thrilling complement to grilled meats and vegetables;* aged 14 months in neutral French oak.

## PINOT NOIR

*Medium- to full-bodied with scents of pomegranate, clove and dried thyme; flavors of blackberry, herbal tea, braised meat, and cola, with silky tannins.* Pinot Noir from Los Alamos Vineyard (51%) in Los Alamos Valley, 25% Mormann Vineyard (25%) in Santa Rita Hills, and Escolle Vineyard (24%) in Santa Lucia Highlands; aged 10 months in 15% new French oak.

## PETITE SIRAH

Rich and spicy, inky La Presa Vineyard Petite Sirah (76%) blended with smaller amounts of Syrah, Tempranillo, and Grenache from Estelle Vineyard; aged 19 months in neutral French (89%) and American oak.

## SYRAH

*Medium-bodied, Syrah-dominated red is quite rich in structure, color and flavor; dark cherry flavors with earthy nuances and a soft peppery finish.* Syrah from Estelle (60%), Tierra Alta (18%), and Los Alamos (6%) vineyards, blended with 12% Grenache and 4% Cabernet Sauvignon, both from Estelle Vineyard.

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