## **CALIFORNIA**

## **CORDON WINES ROUGE CUVEE 246 GSM**

# White Hawk, Los Alamos Valley

## **Rhone Blend Cuvee**





93 POINTS—Anthony Dias Blue

Blue's Tasting Note - Rich and deep with spice and black raspberry; smooth, balanced and long.

#### The History

#### Etienne Terlinden – Winemaker & Owner

Etienne's passion for wine was rooted in his grandfather's wine cellar at the family's chateau near Brussels in Belgium while his winemaking talents came to life in Santa Barbara County where he became interested in the area's unique microclimates and ability to produce wines with distinct character. Etienne handcrafts small batches of exceptional wines, each varietal expressing a very certain old world sensibility. Etienne is also Executive Winemaker for Summerland Winery and consulting winemaker to a dozen or so others in the



### The Grape

Grenache, Syrah, Mourvedre

#### **Tasting Note**

It's the joy I get from crafting blends that inspired this Rhône blend of Grenache, Syrah and Mourvedre, tagged "246" in honor of Highway 246 that runs the course of our Santa Ynez Valley. Using three different grape varietals to create a well-balanced wine with an aromatic bouquet and clean fruit characteristics is true art for the palate. These grape varietals likely originated in the Rhône region of France before arriving in California in the 1980s where they flourished in the diverse microclimates of the Santa Ynez Valley corridor. My "GSM" was aged in a mix of French and Amercian oak using traditional age-old winemaking methods with a touch of modern

technology.

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