

# JOHN SEBASTIANO 2013 SYRAH

**Varietal:**

100% Syrah

**Appellation:**

Santa Barbara County

**Vineyard:**

John Sebastiano

**Production:**

381 cases made

**Oak:**

65% new French Oak

**Time in Barrel:**

24 months

**Alcohol:**

16.1 %

**Cellar potential:**

7+ years

**Release date:**

October 1, 2015

## TASTING NOTES

All the illicit pleasure of slipping under the ropes and finding yourself at a star studded gala and charming the pants off everyone by telling off color jokes: in-n-out double doubles, ancient oregano, perfect pastiss, chocolate smoke, cherry coke residue, fresh bay laurel, milk duds and bacon black pepper ice cream. truly a night to remember.

## NOTES

The 2013 represents the second vintage of the John Sebastiano Vineyard. The vineyard straddles the St. Rita Hills AVA, with Pinot and Chardonnay in the AVA and Rhone varietals across a dirt road. The Syrah comes from the top of an impossibly steep Northwest facing hillside (<30% grade, tractor tipping territory). 2013 had near perfect growing conditions with very cool, fog laden evenings and mornings and warm afternoons.

## SERVING

Temperature: 65°F

Decant: 45 minutes

## ABOUT

Proprietor and winemaker Russell P. From began Herman Story Wines in 2001 with 7 barrels stashed in his employer's cellar. What started as a modest homage to his rancher grandfather has become a beacon to those seeking opulent, structured Syrah and Grenache. To maintain balance while giving flavor full stage, Russell works with 30 top-tier vineyards in over 7 distinct growing regions between Santa Barbara and Paso Robles. Vineyards of particular note include: Bien Nacido, John Sebastiano, Larner, Shadow Canyon, Stolpman, Vogelzang and White Hawk. These are no nonsense, balls to the walls wines that are not for the faint of heart or the pinky raising set.

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