



## VARIETAL

100% Estate-Grown Syrah, Paraiso Vineyards

## VINTAGE

2011 – 111 Cases

## APPELLATION

Santa Lucia Highlands

## TASTING NOTES

Chateau Bellamonte Syrah is crafted exclusively from estate-grown grapes. It has aromas of black currants, plum, spice, black pepper and forest floor earthiness. French oak character adds a nice vanilla and mocha component. On the palate, this wine shows a firm mouth-feel, refined tannins and core black berry fruit. The complexity of earthiness and fruit character afford this wine a lengthy finish. This wine is drinkable now, or can be cellared and enjoyed for years to come.

## VINTAGE NOTES

The 2012 growing season was nearly perfect from start to finish. No rain and consistent temperatures allowed for a great fruit set, and our typical long growing season led to exceptional quality grapes with excellent natural acidity and richness.

## VINEYARD

This wine is comprised from the famed Estrella clone (strength, structure, and finesse). The exclusive block 18 of the Paraiso Vineyard estate, also known as the wedding site for the vineyard owner's daughter and son-in-law winemaker. The well-drained vineyard features sparse soils comprised of shale loam. These soils create rich, concentrated flavors in the grapes. The vineyard lives much of the morning time in the cool fog and wind from the Pacific Ocean. Known for its long, cool growing season, the appellation is the ideal location for grapes to develop their character, intensity and depth of flavor.

## TECHNICAL DATA

Alcohol: 14.6%

pH: 3.70

Acidity: 0.54 g/L

Aging: 17 Months, 100% French Oak (40% New)

Cooper: Saury