



2012 SONOMA COAST SYRAH [WINE & SPIRITS]

95 POINTS

"On the Sonoma Coast, where syrah struggles to ripen, a moderate vintage like 2012 can be a very good thing, and this is definitive coastal syrah, with the immediacy and freshness of an ocean breeze, cool scents of violets and wintergreen practically jumping out of the glass. Whole-Cluster fermentation builds in frisky, green tannins that turn to velvet with air, melding with the sour plum tone of the fruit, while the wine's pinpoint acidity electrifies the flavors and aromas. There's nothing getting in the way of the fruit's pure energy, and this stays remarkably fresh as it takes on air, suggesting that it's worth keeping around for another five or ten years as it continues to build complexity."

-Luke Sykora
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