2012

The Truant

appellations:	Sierra Foothills AVA, Calaveras County
harvest date:	October 12, 2012
Vineyard:	Appaloosa Estate Vineyard
composition:	55% Grenache, 23% Syrah, 22% Mourvedre.
cases produced:	97
cellar practices:	The Syrah and Grenache is picked on the same day, hand sorted, destemmed and crushed with 15% whole cluster into small open top fermentors. This field blend is co-fermented, cold soaked for 4 days, inoculated with specially selected yeast isolated from the Rhone Valley and fermented dry. Pressed into 100% French Oak barrels and aged for 18 months.
tasting notes:	Named 'The Truant' because our Mourvedre is late on the scene and always the last to ripen. Led with Grenache, dominated by Mourvedre. Juicy cherry and huckleberry nose. Flavors of raspberry, ripe strawberry and plum, with a touch of fennel and cacao on the finish. This wine has elegant European restraint but is full of new world fruit and body. An exceptional debut. 97 cases produced.
retail price:	$36

90 Points – Wine Spectator

89 Points - Wine Enthusiast