

# MACLAREN

## 2012 Stagecoach Vineyard Syrah



**Vineyard:** Stagecoach Vineyard

**Appellation:** Atlas Peak

**Clones:** 470

**Vine Age:** 17 years

**Harvest Date:** 28th September  
2012

**Barrel Aging:** 14 Months - 100%  
Neutral French Oak

**Production:** 245 Cases

**Alcohol:** 14.2%

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### Vineyard Notes

Stagecoach vineyard was planted in 1995 on Atlas Peak in Napa Valley. Sitting atop a peak at 1500ft elevation, this block of Syrah is planted to clone 470 on Hambright volcanic soil. The vineyard was originally thought to be void of all water until the owners drilled 400 feet through volcanic rock to find water. Over the 7 year development of the vineyard nearly 1 billion pounds of volcanic rock has been removed.

### Winemaker Notes

The fruit was handpicked and hand sorted in the vineyard and winery on the 28th of September. The fruit was destemmed and left to cold soak for 6 days after which the must started fermentation on its native yeasts. The wine was on skins for 21 days and was pressed into tank and then racked to barrel. The wine was aged for 14 months in 100% neutral French Oak and was bottled in Dec 2013.

### Tasting Notes

A beautifully dark expression of Atlas peak Syrah. Dark purple in color and a naturally dark fruit profile with Blackcurrants and fresh black berries. The wine also exhibits succulent savory notes of herbs, violet and smoked meat. In the mouth the wine is incredibly silky and plush with a lovely bittersweet chocolate finish. The tannin structure derived from growing in volcanic soil is firm, and all encompassing as the crisp acidity pulls the entire mouth feel together.