

Royal Oaks ~ Royal Red *Santa Barbara County*

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An old fashioned horse town gives its nod of approval to the future –Santa Barbara wine country!

It's hard to believe now, but even up until a decade ago, there were very few vineyards in Santa Barbara County producing world-class wines. It is not because the area wasn't suited to growing grapes, but rather because the area was originally settled and developed by horse ranchers.

As it turns out, those horse ranchers were sitting on a vinous gold mine! Rolling hills, plenty of Southern California sunshine and cool ocean breezes create the perfect "trifecta" for living the good life, raising horses *and* growing grapes.

The tiny Royal Oaks Winery, which produces less than 5000 cases per year, is located just between the two small old fashioned towns of Santa Ynez and Los Olivos.

Neighbors of Royal Oaks include the venerable Gainey, Brander and Domaine Santa Barbara wineries. The vineyards at Royal Oaks sit smack dab in the middle of the Santa Barbara "Wine Trail" and the tasting room sits smack dab in the middle of "Winery Row"; a row of tasting rooms in the charming Dutch town of Solvang.

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TASTING NOTES

Grape Composition:

Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah

Grape Source:

Merlot – Santa Ynez Valley
Westerly, Gainey, Los Alamos
Cabernet Franc – Santa Ynez Valley
Valley View & Gainey Vineyards
Cabernet Sauvignon – Santa Ynez
Syrah – Shandon Hills Vineyards

Aromas & Flavors:

Raspberries with sweet black cherries

When to Drink:

Now Through 2006

Our Tasting Panel Score:

88

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