

THE CENTRAL COAST GROUP PROJECT (CCGP) 2013 "CAPTAIN KIERK (AKA, THE KNIGHTWALKER)" SYRAH BALLARD CANYON

deep roots, dark rich & walking/walking towards something hopeful & brilliant/walking towards something like love

just keep walking.../through life's trials & tribulations/through the euphorias of victory & the agonies of defeat/keep walking/moving/growing/one foot in front of the other.../walk/with family, friends & lovers/walk alone when you have to/walk through your demons & enemies unscathed...

but stay focused/don't let the noise & great distances distract you/try to enjoy every second/every thought/feeling/emotion/vision/...enjoy the music & the wine!!!

what doesn't kill you only makes you stronger...

so don't let that night take you gently/just because we can never completely wrap our arms around it, that doesn't mean we're not basking in brilliant eternal sunshine/we are!!!

yours sincerely, the Knightwalker

TASTING NOTES

up front notes of freshly roasted coffee beans/black cherry & dark chocolate/entrecoôte (saignant)/going deeper into a vein of crushed violets/braised chanterelles/dried figs/intoxicating yet delicate spicy aromas/wet cinnamon stick/kalamata olives in brine/toasted fennel seeds

a sense of power & sophistication on the palate/blackberry compote/sarsaparilla/open oak fire pit/fine grained tannins give way to a surprisingly long & racy finish with hints of liquid smoke & cigar box

WINEMAKING

- --100% SYRAH (LARNER VINEYARD (CLONE 383))
- --30% WHOLE CLUSTER
- --100% NATIVE/AMBIENT FERMENTATION
- --101 DAYS TOTAL MACERATION TIME
- --ML COMPLETED ON THE SKINS
- --AGED FOR 24 MONTHS IN 100% NEUTRAL FRENCH OAK PIÈCES {18 MONTHS ON THE GROSS LEES}
- --15.5% ALC./3.56 pH
- --BOTTLED BY HAND VIA GRAVITY
- --UNFINED/UNFILTERED
- --73 CASES (12/750ml) + 12 MAGNUMS (1.5L) PRODUCED