



2013 Axiom[®] Syrah

Alegría Vineyards, Russian River Valley

Every ACORN wine is a co-fermented field blend of grape varieties we grow in our Certified Sustainable Alegría Vineyards in Sonoma County's Russian River Valley.

Since 1990, our passion has been to carry on and expand the tradition of field-blending wines. Reviving our century-old field-blend vineyard inspired us to continue the practice when we planted our new vineyards.

To honor the land and maintain it for future generations, our farming is sustainable and labor intensive. Hand-tending each vine, ten or more times a season, ensures a balanced crop that produces flavorful wines reflecting the distinctive expression of each vintage in Alegría Vineyards.

Betsy and Bill Nachbaur

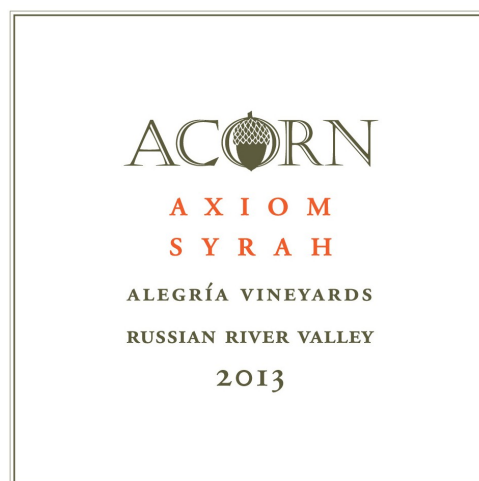
Vineyard and Winemaking Notes

We planted our south-facing hillside as a Syrah-Viognier field blend in 1991, with three clonal selections of Syrah. To make our Axiom, we follow the old Côte-Rôtie tradition of co-fermenting the two varieties, which creates the classic aroma, mouthfeel, and color of this beautiful wine.

Careful canopy management and attention to detail in the vineyard kept the vines in balance and assured even ripening. Consistent, moderate weather through the growing season gave us an early harvest. We co-fermented the grapes with Syrah yeast. To further enhance flavors and add structure and elegance, we aged the wine in a combination of barrels Bill carefully selected from multiple forests and coopers.

Tasting Notes

Hints of smoky oak, creamy coffee, vanilla, and leather accentuate rich aromas of ripe blackberry and spicy plum. The entry reveals a wine with layers and depth—wild blackberry, fresh plum, and boysenberry are joined by mocha, toasty oak, and traces of blueberry, orange peel, and white pepper. Soft integrated tannins cradle the lush flavors and enhance each layer as the wine flows across the palate.



Composition

A field blend of 98% Syrah with 2% Viognier.

Vintage	2013
Appellation	Russian River Valley
Vineyard Designation	Alegría Vineyards
Harvest Dates	October 5, 2013
Brix (average)	26.8°
Barrel Aging	17 months
Type of Oak	31% French [16% new] 26% American 43% European [26% new]
Bottled	March 23, 2015
Case Production	321
Alcohol	14.2%
pH	3.83
T.A.	6.1g/L
Release Date	Spring 2016

