

Potek Winery

Syrah "Tierra Alta" 2013 Ballard Canyon, California

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Score: 90 Points

The 2013 Syrah Tierra Alta (this is mostly sandy/loam terroir and lies at the top of Ballard Canyon) is all Syrah that saw 20% whole clusters during fermentation and 18 months in twice used barrels. Like all of Potter's wines, it was bottled unfined and unfiltered. Notes of game, olive, tobacco, pepper and cool dark fruits all emerge from this medium to full-bodied, fresh, lively and nicely focused Syrah. It should come together beautifully with a year or two in bottle and drink well through 2023. - JD

