



The 2004 vintage was the third year of drought on the Central coast marked by near perfect summer growing conditions that were followed in September by extremely warm conditions. The change in weather was dramatic and unprecedented but at the same time created the opportunity for complete ripeness throughout the vineyard. Timely irrigation and vineyard management was a key to this vintage. Ample fruit maturity was a hallmark of the vintage and resulted in opulent, lush wines.

“Flee—if you can.” The headwaters of Santa Barbara County’s Salsipuedes Canyon begin a few miles northeast of Point Concepción. This maritime influenced drainage flows north as a tributary to the Santa Ynez River. The name Salsipuedes originated as a warning and traces back to mounted banditos whom preyed upon early California travelers on the way between Mission La Purísima Concepción and Gaviota. Those using the Gaviota pass often found the longer inland route along the Santa Ynez River and Nojouti Creek was a safer passage.

Cargasacchi-Jalama Vineyard, Santa Barbara. The relatively isolated Cargasacchi-Jalama Vineyard near Point Concepción is the most proximate to the Pacific Ocean and also the westernmost Pinot Noir vineyard in Santa Barbara County. The vineyard lies outside and to the southwest of the Sta. Rita Hills and Santa Ynez Valley.

Powerful nose of ripe black cherry and dark fruits with cedar, lavender and tea leaf. The wine reveals black fruits in the mouth with good acidity to pair with marbled red meat. Juicy, mouth filling blackberry, candied cherry and spicy currant flavors finish with a firm grip suggesting vanilla, mocha and dusty chocolate.

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