

GOLD MEDAL WINE CLUB'S

PLUS!

Gold Series Selection

Brander Vineyard

2006 Syrah-Clover Creek Ranch

Santa Ynez Valley

246 Cases Produced

Born in Buenos Aires, Argentina, wine connoisseur Fred Brander was first drawn into the wine industry while attending college and earning his masters of science degree from UC Davis. He boldly decided to start his own wine import company, focusing on wines from France and Argentina, all the while building a desire to make wines of his own. Fred also tried working for a local wine merchant and getting involved with the wine wholesale business. In 1975, Fred's longtime dream came true when he and his family established the Brander Vineyard, one of the original vineyards in Santa Barbara County's Santa Ynez Valley, where he grew up as a young child. Just two years after the winery's inception, Fred had produced a Sauvignon Blanc that heralded the first Gold Medal ever awarded to a Santa Barbara County wine by a major competition (Los Angeles County Fair). Ever since, Brander Vineyard has been highly acclaimed as a top Sauvignon Blanc producer, and for many years, the only Brander Vineyard wine was an estate-bottled Sauvignon Blanc. Now this Santa Ynez winery is also quickly gaining a reputation for their innovative Bordeaux-style blends and extremely small quantities of estate grown, single varietal red wines as they celebrate over 30 years of success on the Central Coast.

ACCOLADES -TASTING NOTES

The Brander 2006 Syrah is a special single vineyard bottling from Santa Ynez Valley's Clover Creek Ranch. Just recently entered into competitions and sent for review, this Syrah has already garnered **88 Points** from *Wine Enthusiast* magazine, and is boasted as: "Dry, tannic and ripe, this Syrah has rewarding blackberry, currant, black raspberry, date, chocolate and pepper flavors that are deep and long in the finish. It's a savory, polished wine with quite a bit of elegance and sophistication." Delightfully rich, smooth, and savory, this limited-production bottling is sure to gain additional ratings and awards, as the results are released and published over the coming months. Enjoy the special Brander 2006 Syrah with grilled steaks, hamburgers, lamb chops, and lasagna. Aged in oak for 8 months. 100% Syrah. Enjoy now until 2016.

REORDERS

2006 Syrah-Clover Creek Ranch

Winery Direct: \$22.00 / bottle

Gold Medal Wine Club's PLUS! price:

Half-Case - \$17.00 /bottle (\$102.00)

Full-Case - \$16.00 /bottle (\$192.00)

(plus shipping)

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