

PLUS!*Platinum Series Selection***Calcareous Vineyard**
2008 Syrah**Paso Robles***Just 260 Cases Produced*

Founded in 2000 by Lloyd Messer and his daughter Dana Brown, Calcareous Vineyard and its state-of-the-art winery can be found in the western hills of Paso Robles at 1,550 feet of elevation. The extensive 442-acre estate stretches for several miles, sweeping west towards the Pacific Ocean through rolling hills of award-winning vineyards. Lloyd and Dana were both experienced wine distributors in their native Iowa when they realized they shared a dream of ultimately running their own winery and producing world-class wines. Before deciding on the Paso Robles destination, Lloyd and Dana thoroughly researched the attributes of many renowned wine regions in the world, but were ultimately won over by the Central Coast's unique combination of climate, soil and varietal selections. The winery's motto, "Let the Soil Speak," says it all: the father-daughter team named the estate "Calcareous" as a tribute to the property's terroir. "Calcareous" is a Latin word describing a white-colored soil due to lime deposits formed by sea life that once covered the land in pre-historic ages. The soil content replicates many famous wine regions in France and the mineral composition from the limestone can be recognized in the wine, giving it a very distinct character and style. This calcareous soil and Paso Robles' varied microclimates allow Calcareous Vineyard to produce Rhône and Bordeaux-style wines of uncompromising vineyard expression.

ACCOLADES & TASTING NOTES

An excellent example of Paso Robles' dark, meaty Syrahs! The Calcarous 2008 Syrah comes from select blocks of the winery's estate vineyard on the Westside of Paso Robles. These blocks are planted on what is the most exposed calcareous soil in the entire vineyard, on extremely steep hillsides nonetheless. Although very difficult to produce vines here, the extremely concentrated fruit produced from the site makes this a powerhouse Syrah and the truest expression of Calcareous Vineyard's terroir. The *San Diego International Wine Competition* named the 2008 Syrah the **WINE OF THE YEAR** and *Wine Review Online* awarded it an incredible **93 POINTS!** Its deep aromas of plum and caramel dominate the nose while full bodied cream, mocha and bramble berry coat the palate. Vanilla and smoked bacon (from the French oak barrels) blend with the leathery fruit to create a long, spicy finish supported by luscious, soft tannins. This wine was built to last! Aged 26 months in oak. 95% Syrah, 5% Grenache. Enjoy now until 2018.

Winery Direct: \$34.00 /bottle

Gold Medal Wine Store price:**\$22 /bottle**

*2 bottle min. order.

Availability is extremely limited.

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