

PLUS!

Platinum Series Selection

Dierberg Estate Winery**2005 Syrah****Santa Ynez Valley****704 Cases Produced**

When Jim Dierberg has a passion for something, he acts quickly and decisively. Just ask his wife, Mary, to whom he proposed on their first date! It was love at first sight, yet again, when they laid their eyes on the Star Lane Ranch Estate in the Santa Ynez Valley of California's Central Coast. Starting with just 100 acres in 1996, the couple planted the Star Lane Estate to mostly Bordeaux varietals, and then purchased two more vineyard properties, which they named Dierberg Vineyards. Jim and Mary decided the cooler Dierberg Vineyards were well suited for Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, and Syrah, and gave the 'Dierberg Estate' name to this vineyard's unique wine profile. Considered 'sister estates,' Star Lane and Dierberg utilize an extraordinary winery facility carved into the base of a 1500-foot-high ridge. A visual feast as well as a minimalist's vision of winemaking efficiency, the winery moves grapes, juice and wine entirely by gravity from the crush pad to the caves three stories below, while ensuring the most gentle handling and winemaking strategies possible. From world-class wines to a stunning facility, Star Lane and Dierberg Estate have quickly become frontrunners of California's esteemed Central Coast.

ACCOLADES & TASTING NOTES

The Dierberg Estate 2005 Syrah was produced from the coldest and windiest portion of the Dierberg Vineyard, with the intention that the more extreme microclimate would help focus and refine the rich flavors generally expected at this Santa Ynez ranch. Certified organic, this limited production Syrah is flavorful, big, supple, and was recently awarded a fabulous **93 Points** from *Wine Spectator*: "Dark, rich and savory, complex and concentrated, with a layered mix of wild blueberry and raspberry, mocha and chocolate brownie flavors that are sharply focused, tapered and ending with a long, persistent finish." The Dierberg Syrah also garnered an impressive **90 Points** from *Robert Parker*. Nearly opaque in color, with maroon highlights, the 2005 Syrah exhibits aromas of grilled meat, blackberry, black cherry, smoke, espresso and lavender, which are complimented by similar, richer flavors. Big and expressive, the wine also retains a sense of elegance, grace and vibrancy that is uncommon for such Syrahs. Try pairing the Dierberg Estate 2005 Syrah with grilled pork chops, casseroles, and lasagna. Aged 22 months in oak. 100% Syrah. Enjoy now until 2015.

REORDERS**2005 Syrah**

Winery Direct: \$34.00/bottle

Gold Medal Wine Club's PLUS! price:**Half-Case - \$28.00 /bottle (\$168.00)****Full-Case - \$25.00 /bottle (\$300.00)**

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