



Diamond Plus!

# DRAGONETTE CELLARS

## Dragonette 2013 MJM Syrah

Santa Ynez Valley, Santa Barbara County



As with many small wineries, it might be considered something of a cliché to say the owners of Dragonette Cellars really love wine. A thorough examination into the winery has proved this beyond a doubt. In fact, their love of the almighty grape governs their every action.

Dragonette Cellars is the product of brothers John and Steve Dragonette, and their best friend, Brandon Sparks-Gillis. The plan hatched in 2005 by the three friends was quite simple: Establish a winery that would use prime Santa Barbara County grapes and hand produce the finest wines possible. The trio figured they had something of a leg up since they had a wealth of wine experience between them.

John had studied wine for ten years and apprenticed at the acclaimed Fiddlehead Cellars. He had also worked for three years for one of the area's top vineyard management companies, and had developed great relationships with a number of the leading growers in the area. Sparks-Gillis' experience included the cultish Sine Qua Non Winery of Manfred Krankl and the highly-rated Torbreck Vintners of the Barossa Valley in Australia.

The name Dragonette was selected for the winery because it carried a certain panache of mystery and uniqueness. The family name was originally Italian (Dragonetti) but was changed when the family emigrated from Italy in the 1930's. "We all thought that Dragonette was perfect for our new venture," continued Brandon Sparks-Gillis. Dragonette Cellars' first release was a minuscule 300 cases in 2006. Aided by exceptional scores and medals, the tiny winery has expanded and will produce about 5,000 cases this year, with no immediate plans to increase production.

"Dragonette is one of the most fascinating wineries in the Central Coast. The best wines are truly world class, and I don't use those words lightly." - Jeb Dunnuck, Robert Parker's Wine Advocate.

### Accolades and Tasting Notes

**95 Points, Cellar Selection** - Wine Enthusiast

**93 Points** - Connoisseur's Guide

Dragonette's signature MJM Syrah, is named in honor of the 3 partners' wives Mitchi, Jen and Michelle, this wine is a selection of their favorite barrels of Syrah (92%), blended with Grenache (7%) and Viognier (1%) and then given extended barrel aging for 27 months in oak before bottling without filtration. The 2013 MJM Syrah shows aromas of blackberry, boysenberry, cherry and blueberry, mingled with smoky notes and spices. On the palate, the wine is rich, full-bodied and silky. The wine finishes long and is loaded with ripe tannins and excellent citrus laced acidity. Enjoy now until 2025.



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