

GOLD MEDAL WINE CLUB'S
Gold Series Selection

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Refugio Ranch 2009 Ineseño Santa Ynez Valley

Nestled against the northern flank of the Santa Ynez Mountains, Refugio Ranch Vineyard is producing some of the region's newest prestigious wines crafted in the spirit of cowboys and ranch lore. Kevin and Niki Gleason purchased this bucolic piece of property in 2004 and transformed the old cattle ranch into a biodynamically farmed 26-acre vineyard of mostly Rhône-style varietals. Their connection to and celebration of this piece of land has made their family Refugio Ranch Vineyard a particularly special addition to the Santa Ynez family of charming boutique wineries.

With the guidance and expertise of vineyard manager Ruben Solorzano, the Gleasons and winemaker Ryan Deovlet bring a sincere respect for the land to the Refugio Ranch winemaking venture. They honor the land's natural terrior, incorporating the varietals that work best in this particular spot while also respecting its health and beauty by farming biodynamically and preserving the landscape they originally fell in love with. It is rare to find a family as deeply connected to the land as the Gleasons, earning them great admiration in the Santa Ynez community.

In 2008, winemaker Ryan Deovlet crafted the inaugural vintage for Refugio Ranch, a red blend entitled Barbareño (named for one of the historical Native American dialects once spoken in the Santa Barbara area, and thought to have been carved by cowboys). They have since added a handful of limited production Rhône-style wines, each named to convey the history of Refugio Ranch while celebrating their family's own story as well. Their current overall production is under 3,000 cases per year, a tiny number by any standard, and the wines continue to be recognized and awarded by the wine industry press. Refugio Ranch recently opened a tasting room in downtown Los Olivos where visitors can meet the Gleason family and taste their unique line-up of ranch inspired wines.

Just 225
Cases Produced!

Accolades & Tasting Notes

90 POINTS

-James Suckling

89 POINTS

-Stephen Tanzer's Int. Wine Cellar

Refugio Ranch's 2008 Ineseño is a rustic blend of Roussanne and Viognier, two of the primary white Rhône varietals. On the nose, the Ineseno has spicy aromatics of clove and nutmeg that find a nice balance with notes of ripe pear, tangerine, honey and white pepper. On the palate, flavors of almond extract, browned butter, and graham cracker piecrust combine with more savory flavors of sage and Herbs de Provence. The 2008 Ineseño is certainly a boldly flavored, powerful white wine, but it is still layered with grace and charm to find a wonderfully balanced harmony of aromas, flavors, and textures. Its wine label depicts the three Gleason women - Niki, flanked by her daughters, Callie and Mara, as they stroll down the hill from the vineyard to the barn. It was named for "those from Santa Ynez." The 2008 Ineseño was aged 10 months in oak. 60% Roussanne, 40% Viognier. Enjoy now until 2015.

Winery Direct: \$28.00 /bottle

Gold Medal Wine Store price:

2 Bottle Members: \$20.00

4 Bottle / Multi-Series Members: \$18.00

*2 bottle min. order.

Availability is extremely limited.

(plus shipping)

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