

# 2007 SYRAH ESTATE ROZAK RANCH

## About:

Rozak Vintners began life as Rozak Ranch Vineyard in the mid 1990's with the purchase of a 143 acre parcel of unimproved land on the western edge of the Santa Ynez Valley. This region, after a few hard fought battles, would eventually become the Santa Rita Hills. A very small portion of that ranch was developed into vineyards over the next 5 or 6 years with the resulting fruit being sold off to such producers as Babcock and Brewer Clifton.

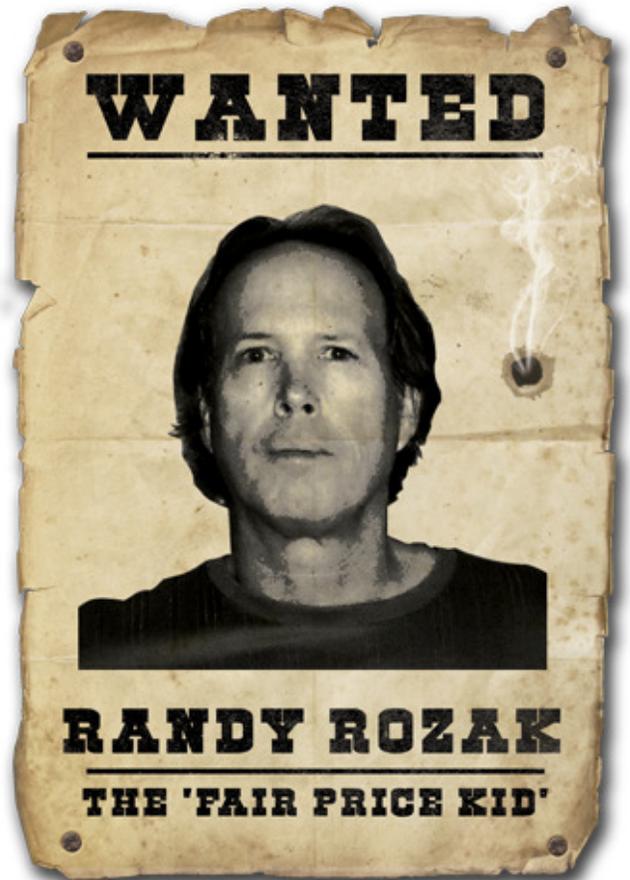


Starting with the 2001 vintage we made 510 cases of Estate Pinot Noir at the Brewer Clifton facility in Lompoc. Small amounts of Estate Chardonnay and Syrah were added over the next few years. Winemaking facilities have shuffled from the BC facility in Lompoc to the mammoth Central Coast Wine Services in Santa Maria to Tantara Winery (Santa Maria) then finally back to the "wine ghetto," a nondescript business park in Lompoc housing a number of high end producers. We have since added small quantities of Pinot Noir, Chardonnay & Syrah from such distinctive vineyards as Bien Nacido, Solomon Hills, Tierra Alta, Gold Coast, Huber and Rio Vista. Production remains in the 1200 to 1800 case range.



## From the Winemaker:

Somewhat "old school" and definitely below the radar, Rozak Vintners began as Rozak Ranch Vineyard off the grid at the end of a remote dusty road on the outside corner of the AVA. As a city kid, I was somewhat unprepared for the significant challenges that followed starting with nothing more than a bare piece of earth with no power, phone, water, roads and certainly no vines! The local ranchers and farmers just rolled their eyes and said "what the hell is everybody going to do with all those grapes?" They most certainly could not understand or grasp the concept of restricted yields and sustainable farming. At the end of the day, though, being responsible for a product from bud break to bottling is both daunting and gratifying.



## Tasting Notes:

Dark and extracted, this brooding purple youngster displays aromatics of rare roast beef, graphite, asphalt, flowers and roasted dark fruits. Black cherry, olives, pepper and minerals round out the long complex finish. Unfined and unfiltered. AVA: Sta. Rita Hills | 400 cases produced