



EL LLANO
 ("EL YA NO")

THE STORY

Named in honor of Rolando's hometown of El Llano, Michoacan, Mexico, this wine has quickly become the most popular wine in our portfolio. What began as a little experiment of 700 cases in 2002, has morphed into a wine whose demand we can barely keep up with!

APPEARANCE:

Its signature deep, dark, purple-black color is the first thing that captures your attention. The intensity of color and clearly evident viscosity only heightens the anticipation for the richness that is to follow.

AROMA:

Loaded with a bouquet of tantalizing rich red and black fruit. Scents of plums, figs, blackberries and freshly crushed pomegranate are accented by an explosion of exotic spice, dark chocolate, graphite, ground pepper & freshly turned earth.

TASTE:

Luscious & velvety on entry this wine effortlessly unfurls into multi-dimensional layers of rich black fruit flavors, roasted espresso & a dusting of sweet Belgian cocoa. In tandem it shows a nice balance between restraint & power with great concentration and ripe-polished tannins. A hint of warm toasty oak contributes to a satisfying, long, persistent finish.

VINEYARD

Vineyard Manager Herrera Vineyard Mgmt.
 Appellation Napa Valley
 Harvest Dates October 2007
 Harvest Brix 25.7
 Yield 6 lbs. per vine

WINEMAKING

Winemaker Rolando Herrera
 Varietal 65% Cabernet/ 35% Syrah
 Alcohol 14.5%
 Aging 20 months
 Type of Oak 100% French / 50% new

CASES PRODUCED: 2,500 CASES