

## R & B Cellars 2011 Saxy Sirah Sierra Foothills



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| <b>Vineyards:</b>   | Bailey's Vineyard, Sierra Foothills  |
| <b>Composition:</b> | 100% Syrah   |
| <b>Harvested:</b>   | October 2011   |
| <b>Bottled:</b>     | December 2013  |
| <b>Released:</b>    | December 2013  |
| <b>Production:</b>  | 389 Cases  |
| <b>Cooperage:</b>   | 80% American oak: Seguin Moreau (U-Stave barrels, which allows extra surface area to be exposed to the wine.) 20% French oak |

***Aged 15 months in French and American oak***

### **Winemaker's Comments**

Nestled in the Sierra Foothills near the town of Volcano is Bailey's Vineyard. Carefully tended and nurtured, this vineyard yields some of the best Syrah grapes in Northern California. The winner of numerous Gold medals and awards, we were fortunate enough to acquire the fruit from this vineyard in 2011. The quality of the fruit is outstanding, yielding flavors of dark stone fruits with blackberry and blueberry characteristics in a lush, deep, textural palette of flavors. Syrah in the best sense of the word. Saxy? You bet!

### **Vineyards**

Bailey's Vineyard has produced such award-winning Syrahs as Four Vines and Renwood. It is a great family-owned parcel in Volcano, California. Ken and Gaylene Bailey began selling their fruit to us in 2011 and we are proud to release the first vintage from this illustrious and lovingly tended vineyard.

### **The Wine**

The wine was fermented in half-ton fermenting bins. Four different yeasts were used, yielding a structurally complex, big, rich Syrah. Oak program: Aged for 15 months in a combination of French