

# THE TRANSCENDENTALIST

## TECHNICAL INFO.

Vintage: 2009/2010/2011 Non-vintage Blend

Varietal: 66% Syrah, 23% Mourvedre, 11% Grenache

Appellation: Santa Barbara County

Vineyards: Alisos Vineyards, Bien Nacido, Alta Mesa, Santa Barbara Highlands, Les Galets, Rancho Arroyo Grande (Potrero Block)

Alc: 14.7%

Production: 19 barrels made

Oak: All French - 89% neutral oak, 11% second-filled oak barriques

Time in Barrel: 10 to 34 months

Fermentation:

15% Whole Cluster Fermented

Aging Potential: 6-10 years

Release Date: 10/4/2012

Serving Recommendation:

Decant for one hour and serve just below room temperature

## TASTING NOTES

Like any valuable history the Transcendentalist employs the past to transfigure our understanding of the present and what will be in the days to come. If the IX/X/XI edition is any indication of what will be, there is much to look forward to. Scents of black cherry, grilled fig, caraway and fresh tilled earth breathe up from a harmonious palate of cherries jubilee, soft tar, wild fennel, croissant and mincemeat with piqued, spicy, cinnamon-laced tannins. Best if poured heartily with the closest of friends over evening-long dinners.

## OVERVIEW

1. Uncommon  
(non-vintage, magnum format)
2. Complex  
(portions on oak for 3 years)
3. Cellar-aged  
(ready to drink)
4. Concentrated  
(rich in aroma and flavor)



**Handmade** by Curt Schalchlin, the owner and winemaker of Sans Liege Wines. After several years learning from and working for some of the Central Coast's most sought-after producers, Curt decided to go his own way. Sans Liege is an expression of his distinctive approach to winemaking. This release is comprised of five wines originating in a handful of the Central Coast's most up-and-coming vineyards.