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Fact Sheet

Intent on producing exceptional estate-grown wines and olive oil, Lise and Vincent Ciolino farm 55 acres on a mountainside along the western edge of Sonoma County's Dry Creek Valley. Here we cultivate a 10-acre vineyard of Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon and Viognier, along with 800 olive trees using organic and Biodynamic® methods—hence no chemical fertilizers, herbicides, or pesticides. Our commitment to the environment includes recycling the winery “grey water” for reuse as vineyard irrigation, along with solar power generation.

Brand: **Montemaggiore**

Appellation: Dry Creek Valley

Wines: Paolo's Vineyard Syrah
Syraina (Syrah, with a little Viognier)
Reserve (Syrah, only in exceptional vintages)
Nobile (Cabernet Sauvignon-Syrah blend)
Rosé (direct-press, from Syrah grapes)
3Divas (Marsanne-Roussanne-Viognier blend)

Winemaker: Lise Ciolino

Winegrower: Vincent Ciolino

First Vintage: 2002

Estate Vineyards:

Location: Eastern-facing mountainside, 750ft elevation, 15 miles from the Pacific Ocean

Training: Cane pruned, Double Guyot trained, Vertical Shoot Positioned Trellis

Spacing: 70% intensively planted (e.g., 4' x 4'); 30% traditional spacing (e.g., 4' x 10')

Yields: One to two tons per acre

Certification: Biodynamic® by Demeter since July 2009

8.50 acres of Syrah (Paolo's Vineyard), 70% planted in 1999-2002, 30% planted in 2005-2009

Clones: #1, #877 Rootstock: 110R, 101-14

1.25 acres of Cabernet Sauvignon, planted in 1991

Clones: #7, #8 Rootstock: 5C

0.25 acres of Viognier, planted in 2009

Clone: #642 Rootstock: 101-14

Production: Typically 1000-1,200 cases per year although has ranged from 500 cases in 2006 to 1,400 in 2003

Coopers: Damy, François Frere, Hermitage, Nadalie, Saury, Seguin-Moreau, Taransaud

Estate Winery: Vaslin-Bucher JLB 12 (automated stainless steel basket press)
1375-gallon open-top stainless steel tanks with optional close-top lids
Night-air cooled, naturally-lit, wood-free building

Olive Groves: 2.5 acres of Frantoio, Leccino, and Pendolino

Olive Press: LDM Italia grinder and hydraulic press

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