



Wonderful World of Wine

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Gary Parker Collection

2021 Argot Syrah

Growing Region.....	Sonoma Mountain, California
Varietal Composition.....	100% Syrah
Fermentation.....	22 Months in French Oak
Alcohol Content.....	15.1%
Suggested Retail.....	\$60.00
WineSeller Club Price.....	\$53.99

Broad Strokes: 96 Points Purely Domestic Wine Report, Only 100 Cases Made

From the Winery: Argot \ 'ärgō \ : a shared language, borne from, and reinforcing the intimacy associated with tight-knit groups, whom are brought together by their common interests and shared histories. Each significant relationship in life gives rise to an *argot* among the members who define it. The deeper the bond, and longer its history, this vocabulary becomes more personal, allowing it to strengthen and enhance the dynamic.

Justin Harmon Grew up in Chicago with no family interest in wine. Came to wine as a consumer, fell in love, began devouring all things wine. Chemical engineer by education, drawn to the process. Began making wine in my basement in Chicago. Started with a concentrate kit, grew to flash-frozen grapes, brought to Chicago by rail car from Napa, fermented in garbage cans, pressed through nylon bags to carboy. Following season, 2005, came to California for first harvest work. Harvest internships in 06 and 07, bought first ton of grapes at end of 07 harvest and began Argot.

Appearance:

I absolutely love the package! Kits looks are quite riveting, yet has an artful simplicity to it. Too bad you must turn the bottle around to find out it is a 2021 Syrah. Oh well, form before function! The wine is very dark red and drips down the glass slowly.

Nose:

The aromatics jump up from the glass at least two inches. Syrah nose of black fruit, dark earthen soils, black cherry and tapenade. Black and white peppers, fresh herbs and a mineral/granite component.

Texture:

Superb palate presence. Power, balance . . . this is what Sonoma Mountain Syrah should be. Even at an accelerated level of alcohol, it all merges together seamlessly. Integrated tannins and a slightly crisp finish. I love it!!!

Flavor:

A lot of black things here: blackberry, very ripe black cherry, black olive, black coffee and black pepper. Asian spices whet the mouth, the top-notch wood treatment is beguiling. All of this in a rich, smooth, complex, mouth-loving liquid. WOW!!!

Serving Suggestions:

The wine has ten years to go in your cellar. Drinking great right now, put 6-12 bottles in your cellar and thank me for the next ten years.

