

# HAPPY CANYON VINEYARD



## 2009 Piocho

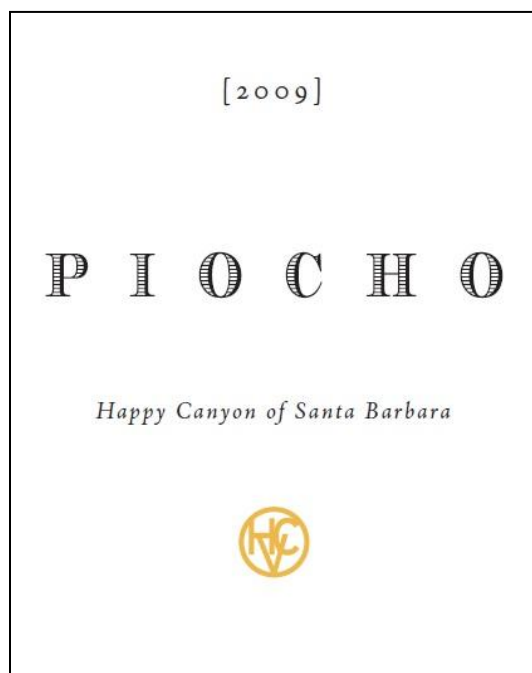
570 cases produced, Estate Grown

58% Merlot

22% Cabernet Sauvignon

18% Cabernet Franc

2% Petit Verdot



The clay hillside at the very top of the Barrac property yields deep intense Merlot which is enhanced by judicious blending of additional estate Bordeaux varieties. The wine is matured in a Taransaud French oak barrels for 24 months, stirred in barrel initially and then racked three times before bottling. The bouquet leaps out of the glass with dark fruits, blackberries, cassis, toasty vanilla and an earthiness that develops nicely in the glass. The palate is all encompassing, defined rich and round with soft tannins and an appealing balance with a mouth-watering velvety finish. There are layers of fine wood and grape tannins that balance with the red and black fruit flavors and provide the framework for the long and intense finish.