

ROBERT SINSKEY

Rob Sinskey believes that making luxuriously elegant wines and farming with earth friendly methods are not mutually exclusive. Rather, he has found that caring for the land organically, combined with conscientious business practices (including a solar powered winery, using biodiesel from used restaurant oil in tractors and trucks, and having sheep and chickens mow the cover crops) have helped define the well-crafted wines of RSV.

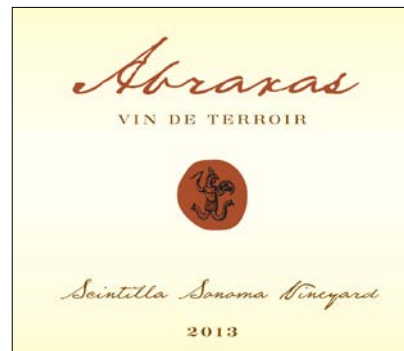


After 20 years, his philosophy that "Wine is not an athletic event" still holds true to this day. The goal has always been to make "pure wines of character that pair well with cuisine." RSV is spreading the gospel that organically grown grapes produce fine wines of great individuality.

RSV's holdings have grown from 15 to over 200 acres of CCOF certified organic and Demeter certified Biodynamic vineyards in five Carneros locations (Three Amigos, Vandal, OSR and Capa in Napa Carneros and the Scintilla Vineyard in Sonoma Carneros) with a small estate vineyard behind the winery in the Stags Leap District.

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ABRAXAS, VIN DE TERROIR



Varietal/Blend: 43% Pinot Gris, 32% Pinot Blanc, 15% Gewurztraminer, 10% Riesling

Farming: certified CCOF organic / practicing biodynamic

Soil: predominately clay, thin and shallow

Harvest Technique: vineyard selections by hand based on ripeness / beginning with Gewürz in mid-August and ending with Riesling in early October

Fermentation: whole cluster pressed / fermented in temperature controlled stainless steel tanks

Aging: N/A

Alcohol: 14%

Yeast: cultured

Fined: yes

Filtered: yes

Production #s: 1779 Cases

Besides being the name of Carlos Santana's classic album of the seventies, Abraxas has many mystical and philosophical meanings. A few thousand years before the invention of the electric guitar, the Gnostic Basilideans believed in the all-powerful Abraxas, the god of the 365 heavens and embodiment of all things good and evil and the overseer of the year. And then there is Carl Jung—who wrote about Abraxas in the Seven Sermons to the Dead. Jung argues that by chasing an ideal we ignore our true nature which is distinctiveness and only by accepting the good with the bad can we define our character.

Country: United States

Region: Napa Valley

Sub Region: Los Carneros

Vineyard: RSV's Scintilla Sonoma Vineyard