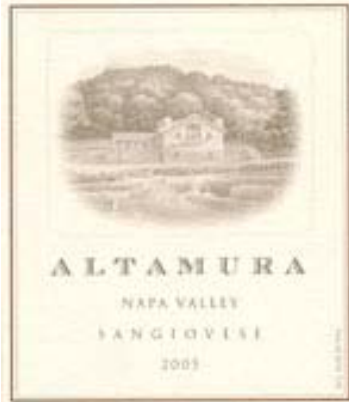




91 pts

2005 ALTAMURA SANGIOVESE



There are 1,200 cases of the dark ruby-colored 2005 Sangiovese. Aged in neutral old wood, it tastes like a strawberry jam cocktail with lots of new saddle leather, spice, and underbrush notes. Medium-bodied and richly fruity with loads of character, it is a remarkable effort given how difficult it has been for this grape to achieve this level of quality in California. Drink it over the next 3-4 years.

Altamura continues to impress me, not only for their Cabernet Sauvignon and Sauvignon Blanc, but also for one of the finest California Sangioveses money can buy.

~ ROBERT PARKER, THE WINE ADVOCATE, DECEMBER 2008