


## Andrew Murray Vineyards

I tasted few wines from Andrew Murray this year than last, which is partly a reflection of Murray's move to focus his range. At their best, these wines - the Syrahs in particular - deliver compelling quality and value, a balance that is frankly commendable in today's market.

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	Vintage	(Hover for Commentary) Producer	Name	Tasting Notes	Score	Drinking Window	Release Price	Review Date
2013	Andrew Murray Vineyards	<a href="#">Viognier</a>	Sweet floral notes meld into white peach and lychee in Andrew Murray's 2013 Viognier. This soft, intensely aromatic Viognier reflects the cooler shades typical of wines from Santa Maria.	88	2014 - 2016	\$25.00	Jul 2014	
2012	Andrew Murray Vineyards	<a href="#">Cinsault Curtis Vineyard</a>	The 2012 Cinsault Curtis Vineyard is pretty, lifted and quite attractive. Savory notes add complexity to the dark red and blue fruit in a mid-weight wine to drink over the next year or two.	88	2014 - 2017	\$30.00	Jul 2014	
2012	Andrew Murray Vineyards	<a href="#">Grenache Terra Bella Vineyard</a>	The 2012 Grenache Terra Bella Vineyard is a bit of a departure from years past in that Murray picked a littler earlier, which resulted in a lighter, more floral wine. Crushed flowers, mint and sweet red berries lift from the glass in a decidedly perfumed, feminine Grenache. The 2012 was done with 25% whole clusters. This is the last vintage of the Terra Bella, as Murray is choosing to narrow his focus to vineyards in Santa Barbara County.	88	2014 - 2018	\$30.00	Jul 2014	
2012	Andrew Murray Vineyards	<a href="#">Esperance</a>	Murray's 2012 Esperance, a Grenache/Syrah/Mourvedre blend, is juicy, supple and expressive. Dark red and blue fruit, spice, mint and leather add complexity, but the Esperance is mostly a wine of pure texture and juiciness. There is a lot to like here.	90	2014 - 2019	\$25.00	Jul 2014	
2012	Andrew Murray Vineyards	<a href="#">Syrah Tous Les Jours</a>	The 2012 Syrah Tous les Jours is once again a terrific value. Juicy and explosive on the palate, the 2012 offers fabulous quality for the money. Black pepper, spice and lavender notes add lift to the dark-toned fruit. This supple, juicy Syrah is an excellent choice for drinking over the next few years. The 2012 was made exclusively from Santa Ynez fruit.	90	2014 - 2020	\$16.00	Jul 2014	
2012	Andrew Murray Vineyards	<a href="#">Syrah Watch Hill Vineyard</a>	A supple, silky wine, the 2012 Syrah Watch Hill Vineyard is all about texture. Blue and black fruit and spices jump from the glass, but the flavors aren't fully developed just yet. Today, the 2012 is still quite primary. Readers will have to give the 2012 another year or two in barrel for the full component of aromas and flavors to develop. There is plenty to look forward to. The 2012 was vinified with 25% whole clusters and a dollop of Viognier.	92	2015 - 2022	\$30.00	Jul 2014	
2012	Andrew Murray Vineyards	<a href="#">Syrah Stolpman Vineyard</a>	Firm tannins and distinctly savory, ferrous notes run through the 2012 Syrah Stolpman Vineyard. Iron, smoke, tobacco, dried herbs add complexity to an earthy, powerful Syrah. Today, the finish is tight, compact and not fully expressive. Another 6-12 months in bottle should help.	91	2015 - 2022	\$36.00	Jul 2014	

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