

## 2010 Sandler Connell Vineyard Syrah

Clone: Syrah Noir

Alcohol: 11.6%

pH: 3.79

TA: 5.2 g/L

Barrel aging: 13 months in a 1 year old 1400 liter French oak foudre

Cases produced: 152

Release price: \$20

Dan Berger said on 3-7-13

“Exceptional”

“2010 Sandler Syrah, Bennett Valley, Connell Vineyard (\$20): Black and white pepper, a trace of fine herbs, and red fruit mark the exotic nose. The wine’s low alcohol is a blessing with rich meaty dishes, and this diminishes the need for a high acid. Simply terrific wine; only 152 cases produced. Best to buy it direct: [www.sandlerwine.com](http://www.sandlerwine.com).”

Jon Bonné included the 2010 Sandler Connell Syrah in the Top 100 Wines section of the the San Francisco Chronicle for 2012 and said:

2010 Sandler Connell Vineyard Bennett Valley Syrah (\$20, 11.6%): A great example of Bennett Valley being a sweet spot for this grape. Winemaker Ed Kurtzman (August West) tapped an otherwise Pinot-dominant site near Santa Rosa's Grange Road for a version that's racy and packed with white pepper and sandalwood aromas, plus wild blueberry fruit and a chewy side perfect for the table.

