

Log of the second firing of the ASP Anagama kiln, 12,13,14 December 2003

Weather: Warm northerlies, occasionally swung to westerlies.

Day	Time	Description	Secondary Air	Ember air	Damper	Cone/Temp
Friday	9:30	Light kiln in centre ember bed	open	open	half	
	11:00	Light right ember bed				
	12:00	Light left ember bed				
	14:30		closed		open	
	15:00	Started stoking through door				
	20:00	Only stoking through door		half		
	21:30	Front top dull red heat				600
	23:00	Ashes building up		closed		
	23:30		open			
	Saturday	0:30	Heavy stoking, heavy reduction	closed		
1:30		clammed passive dampers				
5:00		Some cracks in adobe clammed				
6:00						Back -nothing, middle, front - 8 down
6:20		friendly groundsman arrives				
7:00		Ember bed high, stoking with less wood				
7:45		Sports start, light stoke			half	
9:00		Stoke little and often				
11:30					opened 2"	
12:10		Ridling embers, heavier stoke	open		open	
12:20		Too much smoke out door	closed			
12:45		Stoke little and often				
13:30		blew 6 cups of dry ash in door				
14:30		blew 2 cups of dry ash in door				
14:35		blew 1 cup of ash in left side stokes				
14:45		Ember bed chokes, riddled				
16:45		blew 6 cups of dry ash in door				
16:50		blew 1 cup of ash in left side stokes				
18:30		Side stoking begins, slowly			half	
22:45		Front right side stoke plug broken, fixed				
Sunday	0:00					Back -8 moving, middle, front 9 down
	0:15	Massive overstoke in all ports			quarter open	

1:00	Backed off, observed carbon cobwebs on pots			
2:30	Just stoke rear side stoke			half
3:45	Just stoke front with light stokes			
5:00	Trying to bring kiln back up to temperature			quarter open
5:30				open
6:30		open	open	
13:00		closed	closed	Font - 11 down
14:00				Back - 10 half, middle, front - 11 down
14:15	Double rear side stoke, single main stoke to build embers			
16:00	Front stoking only			Back - 11 half down
16:30	Puffing 1/2 cup of fine ash in front			
17:30	Puffing 1/2 cup of fine ash in side stokes			
18:15	Flicking firebox embers over pots			
20:30	Finished firing, clammed and sealed every port.			

Unloaded the kiln on Saturday 20th, still warm