



# 2018 SYRAH

Inviting, rich aromas of cassis, vanilla, and raspberries. The palate is well-balanced with smooth tannins and a full body and shows off the rich dark fruit and fresh cracked pepper character our Syrah is known for.

## VINTAGE

It was an overall cooler vintage with a delayed start due to cool and wet weather. The vineyard caught up by mid-summer, just in time for the smoke to roll in in August and delay things with the blocked sunlight. That said, we are incredibly pleased this was the only impact of the smoke on our vineyard. We intentionally left leaves on all the vines throughout the smoke risk period in case there were soot issues, but due to the fantastic air movement on our site no soot settled on the fruit. Thanks to a lovely fall with lots of sunlight and little rain, the fruit was beautifully ripened on schedule with harvest beginning in October and completed by November 5th.

## WINEMAKING

Our Syrah was hand picked from our two estate Syrah blocks starting on October 22, 2018: J block which is planted with clone 100, and M block, which is planted with 99. This wine was aged for 18 months in 30% new oak. Of that new oak, 80% was French and 20% was American. The remaining 70% was aged in second-fill French oak.

**BLEND** 100% SYRAH

**CLONES** 99 & 100

**ROOT STOCK** 101-14 & 3309

**ALC % VOLUME** 15.1%

**PH** 3.94    **TA G/L** 6.5    **RS G/L** 3.94

**CSPC +** 130989