

VARIETAL COLLECTION

Syrah Rosé

2016

Vintage: Tenth
Composition: 100% Syrah
Clones: 470, 877, 2
Appellation: Napa Valley, Coombsville District
Vineyard: Caldwell Vineyard Estate, Established 1981
Block: Kreuzer, 15
Yield: 2.5 Tons per Acre
Average Vine Age: 19 Years
Grape Variety: Syrah
Rootstock: 3309

Vintage Summary: The 2016 growing season started with a normal winter, and normal bud break in March. Warm but unsettled weather brought good uniformity and a good set. Hot spikes in July prompted a speedy but uniform veraison in reds, and early sugar accumulation in whites. Cool, ideal ripening weather prevailed from August through the start of September. A heat wave at the end of September and three rain storms in the early part of October made for disparate ripening circumstances, resulting in diverse choices on pick timing. Normal berry sizes and larger-than-normal clusters produced good weight, returning normal to above normal vineyard yields.

Ultimately, 2016 will be characterized as a year of high sugar and high tannin. Brix was high relative to the physiological maturity in both red and white varieties. The firmness of tannin in red grape skins was also greater, yielding more structural tannins than usual in the juice.

Harvest Dates: October 9 and 12, 2016
Fermentation: 100% Stainless Steel
Yeast: Natural
ML: Natural
Wood Origin: No Wood
Aging: 5 Months
New Oak Barrels: 0%
Fining: None
Filtering: Filtered
Alcohol: 14.0%
Bottling Date: February 22, 2017

Winemaker's Tasting Notes:

Cellaring: 6 Months – 2 Years
Production: 120 Cases
Price: \$40/750ml

