



2016 SYRAH

Sonoma Coast, Sonoma County

WINE CLUB EXCLUSIVE

VINTAGE NOTES

With the vines back in balance, 2016 is a "magical blend of '14 and '15". A wet winter and warm spring meant an early healthy start of the growing season. Followed by a long, hot, dry summer that led to another early harvest of perfectly mature grapes from the ideal ripening conditions. The resulting wines had some of '15's intense concentration but the evolved tannins and approachability of '14.

VINEYARD INFORMATION

Eight miles north of San Pablo Bay, the Bundschu family's 160+ year-old vineyard wraps around the southwest slopes of the Mayacamas Mountains. The terrain features steep, southwest-facing hillsides of shallow, rocky soils of volcanic ash and alluvial wash. Pervasive maritime breezes and long daylight exposure allow fruit to develop intense concentration while retaining vibrant structure.

TASTING NOTES

Inviting aromas of white floral, fresh berries and vanilla are followed by smooth, round flavors of deep black cherry and dark cocoa woven with layers of black spice and smoked meat. A bit on the younger side, we recommend aging this wine for a few months, but if you must, decant now and enjoy this stellar vintage for Sonoma Syrah on your own time.

COMPOSITION

100% Syrah

WINEMAKING

Hand-harvested in the cool morning
Twice-daily pump-overs
Weekly battonage during the
indigenous malolactic fermentation

SUGGESTED RETAIL PRICE

\$47.00

ALC/pH/ACID

Alc: 14.9%

pH: 3.77

TA: 5.8 g/L

COOPERAGE

16 months

100% French Oak, 35% New

CASES PRODUCED

329 cases

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