



2015 The Hermit North Coast

We named this wine The Hermit after the reclusive wanderer who made the hill of Hermitage in the Northern Rhone Valley his home and lent it his nickname upon settling there. Hermitage is famous for the blending of Syrah components from distinctly different lieu dits, to create a powerfully balanced wine that's sum is greater than the whole of its parts.

100% Syrah

45% Walker Vine Hill Vineyard

20% Castelli-Knight Ranch

25% Griffin's Lair Vineyard

10% Alder Springs Vineyard

100% Whole Cluster Fermented

All vineyards sustainably or organically farmed

Aged in neutral French Oak Barrels for 18 months

0% New Oak

3.8 pH

13.3% Alc By Vol

Tasting Note:

Green peppercorn, black pepper, black plums, pomegranate and bittersweet chocolate dominate the aromas of this classic expression of Syrah. This 2015 is darker and more concentrated than previous releases and carries the classic spice of white & green pepper, violets and black olive aromas that you expect, along with a fresh pop of blue fruit. Intense and begging for some more time in your cellar, this amazing wine has very smooth tannins and is incredibly dense and powerful for an entry-level wine.

88pts (Vinous, Antonio Galloni, April 2018)