



2016 Syrah
Griffin's Lair Vineyard
Sonoma Coast

Our 15th vintage working with this incredible site that introduced us to the Petaluma Wind Gap. This vineyard favors the warmer vintages because it is typically quite cold and windy, and the Syrah grapes struggle for phenological ripeness pitted against the windy afternoons (which can shut down the vines) and the cold nights. 2016 was ideal, warm days cool nights and an exceptionally early harvest that guarantees lots of natural acidity to add freshness and snap.

100% Syrah
100% Griffins Lair Vineyard, Sonoma Coast
100% Whole-Cluster
100% Crushed by foot
11-month elevage in 500L French Oak Puncheons
0% New Oak
13.2% Alc By Vol
3.67pH

Tasting Note:

Black fruit, iodine, tar and a floral display of violets and white flowers frame this exotic Syrah. The palate weight is huge but lifted by the cool breezes that keep the acidity naturally high in this coastal vineyard. Iodine and salt air components ground the wine in coastal California, but the leather, tar and violets hint at a different landscape across the Atlantic. Absolutely delicious now, but history proves that these wines improve for many years in your cellar.

95pts (Antonio Galloni, Vinous April 2020)