



2016 Syrah Sonoma Hillsides

Inspired by the flamboyant wines of St.-Joseph, this 100% Syrah is one of the most exciting and compelling wines we have ever put into bottle and our first trifecta, 100 points awarded by Mr. Antonio Galloni, April 2018. Some of you may remember the Sonoma Hillsides name. We bottled one in 2000 & another in 2006. While we have historically used this moniker for two lesser wines, this wine is anything but. Just like in St. Joseph, we pulled this blend together from multiple sites and utilized the expositions of these hillside vineyards that show the freshness and vibrancy that Syrah can only achieve on cool-climate hillside slopes. This wine is decadent, delicious and all hyperbole aside, will probably be one of your favorite Syrahs after just one taste. It is without any doubt, one of our finest creations.

100% Syrah
100% Whole-Cluster
Castelli-Knight Ranch, Russian River
Griffins Lair Vineyard, Sonoma Coast
Walker Vine Hill, Russian River
12.8% Alc By Vol
3.8pH

Tasting Note:

Fresh aromas of roasted earth, black licorice, blackberries, tar, pepper and smoke. This is unmistakably Syrah. Rich, supple, incredibly textured and so delicious. Nothing is out of place here, fruit, spice, savory, sweet, it has got it all. This wine will continue to improve for many years in your cellar, but drink it now for an explosion of Syrah goodness as soon as you can!

100 pts (Vinous, Antonio Galloni, April 2018)