



2018 Syrah  
Castelli-Knight Ranch  
Russian River Valley

This gorgeous vineyard is warmer than the majority of our other sites and announces itself with black & blue fruit, black pepper and the bigness that you'd expect from a vineyard kissed by the California Sun. Having bottled wine from this vineyard since 2001, we are pretty familiar with what makes for a special bottling. While the majority of this vineyard was blended into the 2018 Sonoma Hillsides, we couldn't escape the haunting quality of what we chose to keep separate.

100% Syrah  
100% Whole-Cluster  
10 months in neutral French Oak Puncheons  
3.80 pH  
13.5 % Alc by Vol  
44 Cases Bottled

Tasting Note:

The savory and meaty attack is loaded with black fruit, black pepper, leathery spice and a slap of fresh mint. Initially rather tight the fruit begins to reveal itself with air while the black pepper and mint keep things in focus. This is true to 2018 and lighter and very well delineated compared to warmer vintages. The unexpected delicacy adds some charm to the typical Castelli qualities and makes for a rather intriguing wine that is a real pleasure to sip.