

Syrah
SONOMA COAST

VINEYARDS

Appellation Sonoma Coast

Site 45% Cole Creek Vineyard, 25% Rodgers Creek Vineyard, 15% De La Montanya,

15% Westwood

Soil Very gravelly Felta clay loam at Cole Creek Vineyard, volcanic Kidd series gravelly loam at

Rodgers Creek, Huichica clay loam at De La Montanya, and Yolo Silt Loam, Manzanita Gravelly Silt Loam, Arbuckel Gravelly loam, and Yorkville Clay Loam at Westwood.

VINTAGE

Growing Season 2016 began with another very early bloom, leading to a very early harvest in Sonoma County;

our first fruit arrived August 5. During maturation, summer temperatures were warm and steady, with fewer heat spikes than 2015. Three weeks of cool weather in August and

September relaxed the pace of harvest, allowing for methodical picking decisions and perfectly

developed fruit. Yields were relatively average – down from 2014 and up from 2015.

Harvest Dates | Brix September 5th and 9th (Cole Creek Vineyard), September 16th (Westwood), September 20th (De

La Montanya), and September 29th (Rodgers Creek Vineyard) | 24.5° average

WINEMAKING

Varietal Composition 92% Syrah and 8% Viognier, co-fermented.

Fermentation Fermented in tank as 75% destemmed fruit with 25% whole Syrah clusters. Native-yeast and

malolactic fermentations.

Aging The wine rested *sur lies* for 12 months in 41% new French barrels from François Frères,

Demptos, and Taransaud Beaune. Our 2016 Sonoma Coast Syrah was bottled without

filtration in June, 2018.

Cases | Alcohol 866 | 14.5%

Release Date | Price | January 2019 | \$40

"Our Syrahs are grown in the cool climate of the Sonoma Coast which offers a style reminiscent of the Northern Rhone regions of Hermitage and Cornas: aromas and flavors of smoked meat, white pepper, green olive and grapefruit, coupled with a silky texture and savory flavor." – David Ramey