



RUSACK

2016 RESERVE SYRAH

BALLARD CANYON ESTATE



VINTAGE: 2016

VARIETAL: 100% SYRAH

AVA: BALLARD CANYON

GROWER/RANCH: RUSACK VINEYARDS ESTATE

PRODUCED & BOTTLED BY: RUSACK VINEYARDS, SOLVANG, CA

BOTTLING DATE: FEBRUARY 2018

CASES PRODUCED: 560 CASES

RETAIL PRICE: \$48.00

RELEASE DATE: WINTER 2019

FERMENTATION: TEN DAY FERMENTATION FOLLOWED BY A 25 DAY EXTENDED MACERATION IN 1 TON OPEN BINS WITH REGULAR HAND PUNCH DOWNS

AGING: 16 MONTHS

100% FRENCH OAK (70% NEW)

BOTTLE ANALYSIS: ALCOHOL: 14.3%

pH: 3.76

TA: 0.561g/100ml

TASTING NOTES: THIS RESERVE BLEND IS CREATED FROM A SELECTION OF BARRELS THAT REPRESENT THE BOLDER STYLE OF SYRAH. ABUNDANT WITH AROMAS OF BOYSENBERRY, BLUEBERRY, AND HINTS OF CINNAMON, ITS DENSE FRUIT CHARACTERISTICS ARE COMPLIMENTED BY COMPLEX FLAVORS OF ANISE, VANILLA AND DARK CHOCOLATE.

The grapes for our Ballard Canyon Estate Reserve Syrah release are from the estate vineyards around the winery, located in the stunning Ballard Canyon AVA. Picked at dawn and brought directly to the winery in those early hours, the grapes were de-stemmed, fermented in small 1-ton bins, then punched down by hand numerous times each day to extract dark colors, spicy flavors and smooth tannins from the skins. The new wine was placed into French oak barrels, 70% of which were new.

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