

MONTICELLO

WINEMAKER'S JOURNAL

Syrah 'Estate Grown' | Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley | 2017

WINEMAKER : Chris Corley
VARIETALS : 100% Syrah
VINEYARDS : 100% Knollwood Vineyard
APPELLATION : 100% Napa Valley
SUB-APPELLATIONS : 100% Oak Knoll District
ANALYSIS : 14.4 % Alc, 5.8 g/L TA, 3.76 pH
PRODUCTION : 8 Barrels / 193 Cases

HARVEST : Hand-Picked September 20, 2017.

CRUSHING : Destemmed and Hand-Sorted Prior to Gentle Crushing to Small Bins.

FERMENTATION : Bin Fermented, 12 Days Skin Contact Prior to Draining & Pressing.

AGING : Aged 22 Months In Oak Barrels. 1/4 New French, 1/4 New Virginian, 1/2 Neutral.

VINTAGE NOTES : The year began with abundant rainfall, followed by a mild Spring. We had an extended period of flowering which resulted in great fruit set, with little shatter. A Labor Day weekend heatwave kicked harvest into high gear, then cool weather followed promoting full ripeness at lower sugar levels. With our 2017 wines, we're finding great complexity of rich texture, deep structure, and finesse.

WINEMAKING NOTES : Our 2017 Syrah was hand-picked, then destemmed and berry-sorted on the crush pad. Fermentation lasted 12 days with the wine drained and pressed at dryness. Malolactic fermentation took place in barrels. The wine was aged in French, Virginian and Neutral oak barrels for 24 months. Since the wine is 100% varietal, there was no blending, but the barrel selection was completed at 18 months aging, 6 months prior to bottling.

TASTING NOTES : This wine is bursting with spicy, peppery aromas. I find black pepper, and hints of lamb and mint. On the palate the wine has an electric acidity, very racy, which counterbalances and frames the robust and full midpalate very nicely. The palate is lively with dark blackberry, raspberry and cranberry tones which coalesce into a long and full finish.

VINEYARD NOTES : Knollwood Vineyard is located on Big Ranch Road, across the street from our main estate at Monticello Vineyard. It is a 30 acre property planted to super-premium Syrah, Cabernet Franc, Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon. Knollwood Vineyard is Certified Organic.

AGING : Drink Now through 2037.
SERVING : Decant 30 Minutes Prior.
FOOD : Ribeye, New York Strip
CHEESE : Humboldt Fog Blue, Creamy Toscano
MUSIC : Miles Davis, John Coltrane

CASE WT : 38 lbs
CASE DM : 10.5"w, 12"h, 13.5"
PALLETS : 56 cases (4 x 14)
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