

2015 Sonoma County  
*Cuvée Christine Syrah*

The 2015 Cuvée Christine is a beautiful vintage for Syrah. This 100% Syrah blend of 100% Syrah is an intense assemblage of some of our favorite Syrah vineyards in Sonoma County. The Kobler Vineyard provides the backdrop to this wine, with pancetta and quince on the nose and lovely acidity on the palate. The Lower Vineyard component promotes both earthy components of peat moss and fiddleheads and a dense mid-palate. Lastly, the wine would not be complete without the addition of Steiner Ranch Syrah. Grilled-meats and graphite are classic Steiner Ranch characteristics, on full display in this Cuvée Christine.

This vintage of Cuvée Christine tasted beautiful early on, and we bottled it after only 18 months – compared to previous years at 21-22 months – in order to capture more of its youthful vigor. As ever, the wines themselves guide our winemaking as we strive to bottle the greatest wine possible every vintage. This is a beautiful Cuvée Christine with great freshness on the palate and well-woven tannin and will continue to show gracefully for many years to come.

***Cellar Notes:***

**Percentage New Oak**

33%

**Barrel Aging**

18 months

**Bottling Date**

April 3, 2017

**Composition**

100% Syrah

**Alcohol**

14.6%

**Production**

395 cases

*~25% Whole Cluster · Native Ferment/Native ML*

