

WINE IS A JOURNEY NOT A DESTINATION

*Donelan*

DONELAN FAMILY WINES

## 2018 Bennett Valley Cardiac Hill Syrah

The 2018 vintage is our second release of Cardiac Hill Syrah from the Jemrose Vineyard. Although we have worked with this vineyard for a couple of seasons, it was not until 2017 that we were familiar enough with the vineyard for it to warrant its own bottling. This small vineyard block earned its name because of the steep rock, north-facing slope it is planted to. The Estrella River selection of Syrah and the limited rocky soils yield some of the smallest and most flavorful Syrah fruit around.

From a winemaker's perspective, the 2018 vintage was wonderful. Mother Nature did not rush us. Instead, she gave us ample rain, no major heat spikes, and an unrushed harvest. In fact, 2018 was one of the longest harvests on record for Donelan Wines. It was David Milner's first vintage as Donelan Winemaker and his 2018 Cardiac debuted at 98 points.

The 2018 Cardiac Hill Syrah continues to be just as balanced and brooding in its second release. Flavors and aromas of pipe tobacco, lardon, wild red cherry, herbs, and licorice greet you in the glass. Open this wine and decant a few hours before dinner to really allow it to smooth out and settle in.

### *Cellar Notes:*

**Percentage New Oak**

40%

**Barrel Aging**

22 months

**Bottling Date**

July 2020

*~72% Whole Cluster · Native Ferment/Native ML*

**Composition**

100% Syrah

**Alcohol**

14.7%

**Production**

107 cases

