

2014 Sonoma Valley
Richards Vineyard Syrah

The 2014 Richards Family Vineyard Syrah is a classic bottle from this site. The 2014 Donelan Syrah program was marked by wines of great minerality and aromas of exotic spice—the Richards exemplifies this more than any Syrah from the vintage. Showing its true colors early on, the 2014 shared a similar elevage as the historic 2009 bottling, and we aged it for a mere 22 months in barrel.

The 2014 Richards has a complex nose, giving up layers of Indian spices, fertile soil, chocolate-covered cherries, and plum preserves. Savory wafts of sun-cured tobacco, fragrant lavender, and prosciutto accompany the concentrated fruits. This wine has ripe tannins and a huge, seamless, drumroll of a finish. The more air the better with this Syrah. Open the bottle midday for dinner or decant three hours in advance. A classic pairing for Richards is rack of lamb or slow braised short ribs, or serve this with a simple chocolate mousse.

Cellar Notes:

Percentage New Oak

38%

Barrel Aging

22 months

Bottling Date

July 22, 2016

~80% Whole Cluster · Native Ferment/Native ML

Composition

100% Syrah

Alcohol

14.6%

Production

329 cases

