

2016 Bennett Valley
Judge Vineyard Syrah

This inaugural wine can be described in three words: distinctive, aromatic, and expressive. Located in Bennett Valley, this vineyard is meticulously cared for, with its owner/farmers living on the property. As one of our coolest Syrah sites, Judge Vineyard allows for ample hang time increasing fruit concentration and providing the tannins that give the Syrah its structure.

The Judge Vineyard lies in the most northwestern portion of Bennett Valley. The surrounding area comprised of gravely loam and larger rocks undulates across the land in swales and berms. Due to the cooler temperature, it is not uncommon for the nighttime fog to not recede to the coast until late morning.

The key to enjoying this wine is giving it time in the glass, where its many layers of fruit and textured tannins can be played out in acts throughout the night. On the palate, it's a flavorful surprise as the acidity softens the bold, spicy flavors. The finish is long, dense, and just as flavorful as the first sip. Like an iron fist in a velvet glove, our inaugural vintage of Judge Vineyard Syrah offers the perfect blend of fruit concentration and tannin structure.

Cellar Notes:

Percentage New Oak

37.5%

Barrel Aging

22 months

Bottling Date

July 30th, 2018

Composition

100% Syrah

Alcohol

14.8%

Production

216 cases

