

2016 Sonoma County
Syrah Grande

The 2016 Syrah Grande is a wine that allows us to dig down to the micro-level of terroir. The overall goal of this new wine is to encapsulate the vintage and to find unique blocks or pockets within vineyards that we currently work with. After years of observation and experimentation, we isolated the afternoon sun-side of vine rows in the upper blocks of Kobler Family Vineyard.

The ripening curve for this section is a little ahead of the rest of the vineyard, think of it as a banana belt within the confines of a small 4.5 acre vineyard. We chose this particular micro-cru for the intense dark fruit profile, savory aromatics, and fine-grained tannin structure. Syrah Grande is a vessel that enables us to push boundaries in the spirit of continual improvement whilst being true to the terroir of the vineyard. The second source of Syrah Grande is from our estate vineyard, Obsidian. We picked a barrel that came from the slope side of the property. The slope block of Syrah at Obsidian always produces our most structured and perfumed lots from this site. The Southwest facing orientation coupled with the higher vigor due to the increased topsoil make for a perfect match with the Kobler's sun-side exposed fruit.

The 2016 Syrah Grande gives aromas reminiscent of sweet smoke, plum, freshly picked blueberries, pie crust and blackberry cobbler. This wine would pair well with hearty vegetables such as grilled brussel sprouts with panchetta and balsamic glaze or coffee encrusted filet mignon. Although not a conventional blend, the cool Kobler and sun-drenched Obsidian fruit compliment each other.

Cellar Notes:

Percentage New Oak

50%

Barrel Aging

22 months

Bottling Date

July 2018

Composition

100% Syrah

Alcohol

14.9%

Production

49 cases

