



DONELAN FAMILY WINES

## 2019 Sonoma County Syrah Grande

The 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. The small lot ferments that we work with for this wine push the boundaries, stylistically speaking, on what a Donelan Syrah looks like. We treat these lots like an internal R&D department at the winery, always experimenting to make better and better wines. After years of observation, 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. Rounding out the vineyard selection for this wine are Front Porch Farms and Judge Family Vineyard. Although Syrah Grande is a wine that blurs convention by putting together multiple disparate sites, it embodies the synergy we've found between these lots.

The 2019 Syrah Grande has a very singular and extravagant personality. Sage oil, black plum, menthol, and freshly turned earth pop on the nose. The palate is fresh with great acidity, notes of kirsch and lavender, and waves of blackberries.

### Vineyard Breakdown

Front Porch Farms 40%

Judge Family Vineyard 30%

Kobler Family Vineyard 30%

### Cellar Notes:

#### Percentage New Oak

69.9%

#### Barrel Aging

22 months

#### Bottling Date

Summer 2021

#### Composition

100% Syrah

#### Alcohol

14.9%

#### Production

60 cases

~80% Whole Cluster · Native Ferment/Native ML

