



vineyard

APPELLATION	Russian River Valley, Sonoma County
SITES	53% Story Creek Vineyard, 31% De La Montanya Vineyard, 16% Lauterbach Vineyard
SOIL & VINES	<p>Story Creek Vineyard is primarily Yorkville clay loam, with some Arbuckle gravelly loam on the lower slope. It is owned by John Bacigalupi and farmed by John Bucher.</p> <p>De La Montanya Vineyard is Huichica clay-loam based, planted in 2006 as a field selection on 1103P rootstock. Vines are spaced 8' by 5', vertical shoot positioned and farmed by Dennis De La Montanya.</p> <p>Lauterbach Hill Vineyard is in the heart of the Russian River Valley and has Huichica clay-loam atop clay subsoil. The vines of Syrah clone 877, rootstock 3309 were planted in 1998 and are spaced 9' by 6' and vertical shoot positioned. This vineyard is farmed by Lee Martinelli, Jr.</p>

vintage

GROWING SEASON	2017 began with a very wet winter. The summer was mild until a significant heatwave around Labor Day sent winemakers and growers scrambling to pick the first wave of Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. After the heat wave, temperatures were warm and steady, allowing winemakers to make picking decisions based on optimal fruit maturity rather than impending weather. Our harvest started Aug 21 st with the final Merlot from Carneros arriving on October 10 th . Yields were very close to projections while fruit quality ranged from great to exceptional, with well-preserved acids, great color and good varietal expression.
BRIX HARVESTED	21.9° Brix September 5 and 26

winemaking

VARIETAL	100% Syrah
FERMENTATION	Native yeast, non-malo in stainless steel barrels.
AGING	<i>Sur lies</i> aged in stainless steel barrels for three and a half months.
CASES ALCOHOL	848 13%
RELEASED SRP	February 2018 \$21

flavors

TEXTURE PALATE	Bone dry with aromatic fruit balancing salinity and texture.
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"This dry rosé is drawn from three older-vine Syrah vineyards in the heart of the Russian River Valley and is best enjoyed in its youth. Sunny weekend lunches are perfect." – David Ramey

