

# Tasting Notes

## 2016 Syrah

Current Vintage:	2016
First Vintage:	2009
Bud Break:	April 15, 2016
Veraison:	July 20, 2016
Oak Regime:	60% French & 40% American oak; second-fourth fill 70% French & 30% American
Barrel Age:	New oak
Primary Coopers:	Radoux, Mistral, Saury American
Harvest Date:	September 24, 2016 avg.
Bottling Date:	January 15 & 16, 2018
Final Blend:	100% Syrah
Alcohol:	13.9%

### Winemaker's Notes

This vintage of Syrah is elegant, offering notes of blackberry, blueberry, and black & white pepper on the nose with hints of cocoa and eucalyptus lingering in the background. Soft, supple tannins dominate the palate with rich black fruit carrying through for a mouth-watering finish. This wine will pair well with wild game and hearty red meat dishes. Enjoy now or cellar for up to eight year.

GRAHAM PIERCE, WINEMAKER

### 2016 Vineyard Notes

Record warm temperatures through April, May and most of June led to a great beginning of the 2016 vintage. With the early bud break and excellent growth off the start, the cooler weather in July helped to prolong the ripening, adding desirable complexity to the flavour in the grapes. August saw temperatures back to their normal levels and near perfect ripening temperatures throughout the fall and into the harvest showed mature, well-balanced fruit of outstanding intensity.

STEVE CARBERRY, WINEGROWER

