

MONTICELLO

WINEMAKER'S JOURNAL

Chris Corley, Winemaker

SYRAH | ESTATE GROWN | VINTAGE 2017

VARIETALS : 100% Syrah
VINEYARDS : 100% Knollwood Vineyard
APPELLATION : 100% Napa Valley
SUB-APPELLATIONS : 100% Oak Knoll District

ANALYSIS : 14.4 % Alc, 5.8 g/L TA, 3.76 pH
PRODUCTION : 8 Barrels / 193 Cases
HARVEST : Hand-Picked September 20, 2017.

CRUSHING : Destemmed and Hand-Sorted Prior to Gentle Crushing to Tanks & Small Bins.
FERMENTATION : Bin Fermented, 12 Days Skin Contact Prior to Draining & Pressing.
AGING : Aged 24 Months In Oak Barrels. 12% New French, 12% New Virginian, 76% Neutral.

VINTAGE NOTES : The year began with abundant rainfall, followed by a mild Spring. We had an extended period of flowering which resulted in great fruit set, with little shatter. A Labor Day weekend heatwave kicked harvest into high gear, then cool weather followed promoting full ripeness at lower sugar levels. With our 2017 wines, we're finding great complexity of rich texture, deep structure, and finesse.

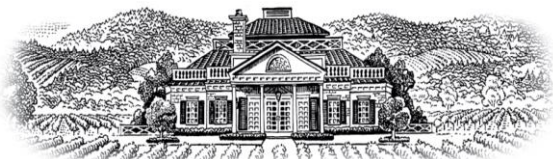
WINEMAKING NOTES : Our 2017 Syrah was hand-picked, then destemmed and berry-sorted on the crush pad. Fermentation lasted 12 days with the wine drained and pressed at dryness. Malolactic fermentation took place in barrels. The wine was aged in French, Virginian and Neutral oak barrels for 24 months. Since the wine is 100% varietal, there was no blending, but the barrel selection was completed at 18 months aging, 6 months prior to bottling.

TASTING NOTES : This wine is bursting with spicy, peppery aromas. I find black pepper, and hints of lamb and mint. On the palate the wine has an electric acidity, very racy, which counterbalances and frames the robust and full midpalate very nicely. The palate is lively with dark blackberry, raspberry and cranberry tones which coalesce into a long and full finish.

AGING : Drink Now through 2037.
SERVING : Decant 30 Minutes Prior.
FOOD : Ribeye, New York Strip
CHEESE : Humboldt Fog Blue, Creamy Toscano

CASE WT : 38 lbs
CASE DM : 10.5"w, 12"h, 13.5"l
PALLET : 56 cases (4 x 14)
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