

2014 Family Selection Red Wine Blend, Mendocino County

Retail price: \$30.00

Winemaker: Lucas Meeker

Consulting Winemaker: David Noyes

- § Harvest date: September 20, 2014
- § Single Vineyard Designate: The Venturi Family Vineyard, Calpella, CA, Mendocino County
- § In the Cellar: Fermentation in open top tanks with manual punch down 2 4 times a day
- § Length of time in fermentor: 10 days,
- § Oak Regimen: Aged in 2-year-old French oak barrels for 20 months.
- § Bottled Date: May 15, 2016. Unfined with a light filtration. 450 cases
- § Alcohol: 14.8%
- § pH: 3.7
- § Residual Sugar: Less than 0.1%
- § Varietals: 66% Syrah, 34% Petite Sirah (A Syrah/Sirah blend")

Harvest and farming notes: Several generations of the Venturi have farmed their vineyards in Calpella, CA, at the entrance to the Redwood Valley. They do so with great talent and dedication for the benefit of their client wineries in Sonoma and Napa Counties. Their vineyards are organic and are dry farmed. Their production is truly magnificent.

Tasting Notes: 2014 Red Blend/Syrah/Sirah. Rich ripe fruit nose with strong elements of lanolin and leather. In the mouth concentrated ripe and jammy black cherry-berry fruit expands with nutmeg spice, mocha, cocoa and chewy, grippy tannins. A great wine to pair with roasted root vegetables and pot roast.

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