

2015 The Vicar North Coast

The Vicar is our ode to the great rustic wines of the southern Rhone Valley. We named the Vicar after the man that loaned his title to that region's most famous appellation. Chateauneuf-du-pape is all about Grenache and this Classic blend of Grenache from Alder Springs & Castelli-Knight Ranch has a wild purity to it that is irresistible. We cofermented a bit of Syrah with the Castelli Grenache so there is a dark spicy core, but really this wine is all about the wild side of Grenache.

60% Alder Springs Vineyard Grenache 35% Castelli-Knight Ranch Grenache 5% Castelli-Knight Ranch Syrah 100% Whole-Cluster All vineyards sustainably or organically farmed Aged in Concrete & 500L neutral French Oak Puncheons for 18 months 0% New Oak 3.67 pH 13.7% Alc By Vol

Tasting Note:

Intensely red fruit driven with wild aromas of white flowers, game, forest floor and tiny red berries. The palate is medium-full with zesty red fruit. With air the fruit becomes supple and heady and evokes preserves and baked summer fruits. This 2015 has a vivid purity of flavor that captures the wildness of Grenache in a low yielding vintage.

90pts (Vinous, Antonio Galloni, April 2018)

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