

2016 Syrah Alder Springs Vineyard Mendocino County

The incomparable Alder Springs Vineyard is one of California's most iconic vineyard sites. Perched high above the tiny northern California town of Laytonville, this patchwork of lieu-dits is more reminiscent of the great vineyards of the Rhone Valley than anything in California.

100% Syrah
100% Whole-Cluster Fermentation
100% Alder Springs Vineyard
0% New Oak
Aged in neutral French Oak 500L Puncheons
12.3% Alc By Vol
3.8 pH
Free SO2 – less than 5ppm

Tasting Note:

Black fruits, scorched earth, purple flowers and smoky bacon fat all show up in the classic Syrah aromas of this 2016. Slightly more concentrated than the 2015, this 100% whole-cluster wine has more depth and fruit richness, while also being less tannic and overall more supple. This wine will improve in your cellar for a dozen years or more, but frankly is ready to drink now with some food and a decent chill.