



2016 Syrah
The Hermit
Sonoma Coast

We named this wine The Hermit after the reclusive wanderer who made the hill of Hermitage in the Northern Rhone Valley his home and lent it his nickname upon settling there. Hermitage is famous for the blending of Syrah components from distinctly different lieu-dits all on the Hill of Hermitage. This creates a powerfully balanced wine that's sum is greater than the whole of its parts.

100% Syrah

100% Whole Cluster Fermented

Walker Vine Hill Vineyard

Castelli-Knight Ranch

Griffin's Lair Vineyard

Alder Springs Vineyard

All vineyards sustainably or organically farmed

Aged in neutral French Oak Barrels for 8 months – Concrete for 3 months

0% New Oak

3.88 pH

13.3% Alc By Vol

Tasting Note:

Iron, green peppercorn, black pepper, bittersweet chocolate, black cherry and sweet plums dominate the aromas of this classic expression of Syrah. The flavors follow the complex aromas and highlight the fantastic balance of the 2016 vintage. Intense and begging for some time in your cellar, this classic Syrah has very smooth tannins and is incredibly dense and powerful for what is essentially a blend of the barrels that are not used in our high-end wines. This is clearly a testament of the quality of the amazing array of vineyards that we pull fruit from.