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2016 Las Madres Vineyard Syrah



Vineyard

Every once in a while, we stray outside of our Napa borders to bring a gem of a vineyard into our family of wines. One such beauty is the Las Madres Vineyard, owned by John Painter and Jean Gadiot. These two stewards of the land watch carefully over their 8.5 acre vineyard, which is split into two blocks, each named for their mothers, Esther and Hulda. This vineyard is nestled into a naturally occurring “bowl” that creates excellent exposures to the sunlight throughout the growing season.

Growing Season

2016 delivered an early and exceptional harvest. Rainy, cool weather during bloom naturally reduced our crop level, leaving concentrated clusters. A cool, foggy summer allowed for slow ripening, high acidity, and superb flavor development. With no heat spikes or rush to pick, it was a smooth harvest that delivered top quality fruit.

Vinification

All fruit is hand harvested at night, preserving berry integrity. After a 5–7 day cold soak, the fruit is fermented with native yeast in open top tanks. The wine is then drawn off and the must placed into a basket press for gentle pressing. Malolactic fermentation is completed in oak barrels, where the wine will age for 18 months before final assembly just prior to bottling.

Tasting Notes

Winemakers love good gossip—the juicy, succulent, good dirt. Juicy gossip is how we found the Las Madres Vineyard on the Sonoma side of Carneros. This beautiful vineyard sits in a natural bowl and is farmed lovingly by John and Jean Painter. We are very thankful we received gossip on this site, as we were able to craft a lush and succulent Syrah from the good dirt!

Appellation

Sonoma, Carneros

Vineyard

Las Madres Vineyard

Aging

18 months

Harvest Date

September 30, 2016

Bottling Date

April 24, 2018

Maturation

28% new French oak

PH

3.94

TA

5.8 g/L

RS

0 g/L

Alcohol

14.5%

Production

350 cases (750ml)

Suggested Retail

\$70