



MARTINELLI
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Hop Barn Hill Syrah | Russian River Valley 2018

GROWING YEAR

The 2018 season was much calmer than 2017, due to the absence of extra rain and heat spikes we experienced in 2017. The moderate temperatures in the spring and summer allowed for a longer growing season and full flavor development. There was plenty of water in the soil to carry the clusters through the long growing season with minimal dehydration. Our first day of harvest in 2018 was September 10th, compared with an August 26th start in 2017. It was nice that the production crew could enjoy the Labor Day holiday right before the long hours and hard work of harvest began.

VINEYARD CHARACTER

The Hop Barn Hill Syrah Vineyard was planted in 1996 on a clay loam slope near the old hop barn neighboring our winemaking area and tasting room. These heavy clay soils are perfect to reduce the vigor common to Syrah vines, forcing the plants to focus their efforts into the fruit versus their canopy or root systems. The grapevines are planted in four separate blocks; one meter by two meters apart, on less than an acre of land which yields no more than 3 barrels each vintage.

TASTING NOTES

Rich aromas of coffee, black cherry and violets awaken in the glass upon pouring the 2018 Hop Barn Hill Syrah. The plush and lasting tannins found on the palate complement the supple flavors of earth and berry liqueur.



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SYRAH
HOP BARN HILL
VINEYARD

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
ESTATE GROWN

2018 Vintage

- 94 points - Antonio Galloni, Vinous
- 97+ points – Erin Brooks, Wine Advocate

2017 Vintage

- 94 points - Antonio Galloni, Vinous
- 94 points - Erin Brooks, Wine Advocate

2016 Vintage

- 95 points - Antonio Galloni, Vinous
- 96+ points - Erin Brooks, Wine Advocate

Winemaker: Courtney Wagoner

Consulting Winemaker:
Erin Green

Case Production: 54