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Vellutini Ranch Syrah | Russian River Valley 2019

GROWING YEAR

The 2019 season was overall very cool with record rainfall for Sonoma County in February. The vines however were not affected by this because they were still dormant at the time. Similar to the 2018 season, spring and summer were moderate in temperature and ripening developed gradually and under minimal stress. This year was in fact so similar to 2018 that we began harvest the same day, on September 10th. Unfortunately another wildfire hit the region at the end of October, but luckily none of our vineyards were affected. The winery and many employees were evacuated, but we were able to keep an eye on the new vintage with a skeleton crew. The quality was not impacted and we are very excited at the concentration of flavors in this vintage.

VINEYARD CHARACTER

Our Vellutini Syrah vineyard is two acres in size, and was planted in 2000 to clone 470. It sits on the western edge of the Russian River Valley on a northeast slope, which receives the first ray of early morning sunshine. The Vellutini Ranch vineyards are bordered on the east by Jackass Hill and on the south by Jackass Vineyard, sharing the same Franciscan soil type.

TASTING NOTES

Once poured, your nose is submerged in the aromas of coco nib, black plum, and allspice. The palate is layered with flavors of milk chocolate, blackberry and perfectly present tannins. Sweet baking spices are found in the lasting finish.



2018 Vintage

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

2017 Vintage

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

2016 Vintage

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

Winemaker: Courtney Wagoner

Consulting Winemaker:
Erin Green

Case Production: 125