

## 94 MacLaren

### **2014 Samantha's Vineyard Syrah (Russian River Valley);**

A tremendous rendition of the variety from an appellation not particularly associated with it, this wine is deftly etched with notes of black licorice, leather and earth. Explosive tannins underscore its core of juicy blackberry and smoke flavors, while the finish is sticky and somewhat feral.

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### **2014 Atoosa's Vineyard Syrah (Russian River Valley);**

This small producer devoted to the variety continues to impress with this vintage, crafting here a balanced beauty, with vibrant white pepper, garrigue and herbes de Provence aromas. Pungently earthy, it offers a voluptuous texture yet relatively light body, meaty flavor and finesse.

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### **2014 Moaveni Vineyard Syrah (Bennett Valley);**

From a pocket of Sonoma County becoming known for quality Syrah, this wine is dense in jammy strawberry and blackberry flavors, with powerful espresso and compost notes—a celebration that's equal parts fruit and earth. Its expansive tannins suggest it will benefit from cellaring; enjoy 2020–2024.

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### **2016 Lee's Sauvignon Blanc (Dry Creek Valley);**

This is a quiet, subtle and deliciously crafted white, moderate in acidity, that presents as crisp and dry. Meyer lemon shines brightest, providing a refreshing complexity as stony minerality adds texture.