

MACLAREN

Syrah

DROUTHY NEEBORS

2016



VINEYARD NOTES

Bennett Valley Ranch comprises the majority of the Drouthy Neebors Syrah along with three other vineyards: Atoosa's, Samantha's and Moaveni. Bennett Valley Ranch is situated at the very top of Grange Road in the coolest area of the Bennett Valley AVA.

WINEMAKER NOTES

The vineyard was harvested in late September. The long-standing drought resulted in berries and clusters that were much smaller than normal, providing rich, concentrated flavors. For this vintage, our Drouthy Neebors wine club members voted for their favorite blend composition, which was 70% Bennett Valley Ranch, 10% each of Atoosa's, Samantha's and Moaveni vineyards.

TASTING NOTES

Drouthy Neebors Syrah has a lovely upfront fruit with blackberry and cassis with layers of darker spice, black pepper and forest floor giving the wine layers to explore. As the wine opens, candied violet mixes with a savory meat element and both a ginger and orange spice lifts the wine on the finish leaving the palate refreshed.

FOOD PAIRINGS

Dishes that boast ripe fruit and savory qualities, such as roasted wild duck with a cherry-rosemary sauce, or blueberry-balsamic pork tenderloin.



VINEYARDS
70% Bennett Valley Ranch
10% Atoosa's
10% Samantha's
10% Moaveni

APPELLATION
Sonoma County

CLONES
174, 470, 877, 383,
Alban Selection

HARVEST DATE
Various

BARREL AGING
14 months in
neutral French oak

PRODUCTION
140 cases

ALCOHOL
13.7%

SRP
\$56