

MACLAREN

2017

SYRAH

Samantha's Vineyard



VINEYARD NOTES

This vineyard sits on the northeast side of Russian River Valley bordering Chalk Hill AVA. The steep terraced-style vineyard is planted to the Alban clone on Spreckels loam with only 60 inches of soil on top of bedrock.

WINEMAKER NOTES

The vineyard was harvested in late August and fruit was fermented in small half-ton batches to maximize the skin-to-juice ratio, accentuating the characteristics of the vineyard. The juice was on the skins for 12 days during fermentation prior to being pressed off to tank to begin malolactic fermentation. The wine was raked to 100% French oak barrels before aging for 14 months and bottling unfiltered and unfined.

TASTING NOTES

A fruit-driven nose of ripe raspberries, blueberries and cassis with underpinnings of mushrooms and truffles promote a bolder wine profile. The palate is layered with fresh fruits and finishes with a soy and ginger note.

FOOD PAIRINGS

Lasagna and tomato-based pasta dishes, Chicken Cacciatore and grilled pork chops with a blueberry compote.

93 pts. | WINE ENTHUSIAST

VINEYARD Samantha's Vineyard	VINE AGE 21 years	PRODUCTION 196 cases
APPELLATION Russian River Valley	HARVEST DATE August 29th, 2017	ALCOHOL 13.5%
CLONES Alban	BARREL AGING 14 Months - 100% neutral French oak	
