

# 2015

## Crossing

red wine blend

### winemaker notes

VARIETY: carignan 34%, zinfandel 26%, syrah 22%, petit verdot 9%, grenache 9%  
APPELLATION: Dry Creek Valley, Alexander Valley, Russian River  
DEGREES BRIX AT HARVEST: 25  
P.H: 3.81  
ALCOHOL: 14.6%  
CELLAR RECOMMENDATION: Lovely now and over the next 5 years.  
Will continue to reveal and develop through 2024.

VINIFICATION NOTES: The fruit for this blend, the Big River Ranch grenache, was picked on September 4th and fermented in an open-top tank, with twice-daily punchdowns during fermentation. The Big River Ranch syrah, picked on October 6th, began fermentation using a special strain of Spanish yeast that enhances the fruit's beautifully dark aromatics. The Lily Hill estate syrah was fermented using native yeasts. The Lily Hill estate carignan was picked on October 9th. Twice-daily pumpovers were performed, and the wine was aged for 19 months in 20% new French and American oak barrels.

VINEYARD NOTES: The 2015 Crossing will transport you to a different dimension entirely, with its notes of wet forest, caramel, cedar and cacao. Lovely structure and substance finishes this exciting Rhone blend that seamlessly combines old-world style and new-world bright fruit.

SENSORY NOTES: Named in honor of the blend of fruit from both our Alexander Valley and Dry Creek vineyards, this textured, rich red effortlessly combines Big River's syrah and grenache with Lily Hill's carignan and old-vine syrah. Big River Ranch, with its deep red soils and hot summer days, produces big, complex wines. The syrah from Lily Hill was picked from a tiny section – block 19, which sits on the east-facing slope and allows for maximum drainage of the soil, providing dark, intense fruit.

#### VINEYARD DETAILS:

CLONE:	Estrella, Heritage	SOIL TYPE:	Various	ELEVATION:	250-800 feet
VINE SPACING:	Various	YIELD PER ACRE:	2-4 tons	ROOTSTOCK:	Various
YEAR PLANTED:	Early 1900s-2005	TRELLISING STYLE:	Head trained, cordon	IRRIGATION:	Minimal drip

CASES PRODUCED: Strictly limited production.

RETAIL PRICE: \$48

**Bella**  
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