



2016

Big River Ranch

grenache

winemaker notes

VARIETY: 100% grenache
APPELLATION: Russian River Valley
DEGREES BRIX AT HARVEST: 27.4
pH: 3.78
ALCOHOL: 14.7%
CELLAR RECOMMENDATION: Enjoy this wine through 2023-2025

VINIFICATION NOTES: After an ideal growing season that yielded lovely color and depth in the grapes, we hand-picked our grenache from Big River Ranch on September 30th. The grapes were given 20 days of skin contact, with two pump-overs daily, and were pressed when tannins had developed the proper mouthfeel. After fermentation, the wine was barreled-down into a combination of 85% French, 10% Hungarian and 5% American oak barrels for 15 months, with 20% new oak overall.

VINEYARD NOTES: The Big River Ranch property sits on a picturesque benchland above the Russian River. The deep red soils and hot summer days typical of the region create wines full of character and complexity, while early morning fog from the nearby Russian River allows for a longer growing season for this coveted wine.

SENSORY NOTES: From its rustic color to its elegant floral aromatics and ripe fruit flavors, this is a lush and alluring expression of grenache. On the lively palate, flavors of candied fruit, sweet cherry, strawberry and licorice glide across velvety tannins to a long, juicy finish.

VINEYARD DETAILS:

CLONE: Iban, Tablas Creek A & C	SOIL TYPE: Clay, heavy loam	ELEVATION: 220 feet
VINE SPACING: 5x8	YIELD PER ACRE: 2.5 - 3 tons	ROOTSTOCK: 101-14
YEAR PLANTED: 2005	TRELLISING STYLE: VSP	IRRIGATION: Drip

CASES PRODUCED: 98 cases

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