



SWEET CHEEKS WINERY & VINEYARD

2016 Syrah

APPELLATION : Applegate Valley

VARIETAL COMPOSITION : Syrah clones 470, 877, 174

HARVEST DATE(S) : Serra- September 15, 2016; Quady North- October 8, 2016

VINEYARD SOURCES : Serra Vineyards & Quady North Vineyards

COOPERAGE : The 2016 Syrah saw a combination of neutral French and French-American hybrid barrels. Of the blend, 20% aged in new French-American hybrid barrels (25% French and 75% American oak). The wine aged for 20 months.

CASE PRODUCTION : 417 cases

WINE ANALYSIS : pH : 3.74 | TA : 6.2 g/L | Alcohol : 13.9%

TASTING NOTES

Deep purple in color, our 2016 Barrel Select Syrah begins with a concentrated aroma of blackberry, dark chocolate and cinnamon that floats out of the glass. This wine was aged for 20 months in a combination of French and French- American Hybrid barrels. This rich wine offers fruit notes of blackberry and plum and has a nice complexity with hints of cinnamon, white pepper and smoke.

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HARVEST OVERVIEW

The 2016 growing season in Oregon mimicked the previous few vintages with one of the earliest bud breaks yet. Spring came quickly with warm days that turned into temperate summer months. Bloom saw a miniature heat wave that tapered the size and set of the fruit. Though the growing season got off to an early start, the more even summer temperatures slowed things and allowed the fruit to develop thoroughly with delectable complexity and intense flavor. The vintage resulted in, once again, extraordinary fruit quality, but with yields closer to pre-2014 vintages.

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Our passion is to create wines that reflect the beauty surrounding us in the Southern Willamette Valley. We believe in producing exceptional wines through gentle processing. Each vintage is unique and we invite you to experience it.



Established as a vineyard in 1978, the 55 acre estate vineyard sits on 140 acres of prime sloping hillside in the Southern region of the Willamette Valley wine appellation.