



MARTINELLI
ESTABLISHED IN THE 1880'S



Hop Barn Hill Syrah | Russian River Valley 2017

GROWING YEAR

The growing season of 2017 stayed wet with spring rains and cooler temperatures, providing moist soil reserves through the summer. The summer had stretches of hot days throughout, especially over the Labor Day weekend, when harvest was at its peak. We were very lucky in October 2017 that the Tubbs Fire, which burned from Calistoga to Santa Rosa, stopped 1.5 miles from our properties. Across Sonoma County as well as in our vineyards, 95% of all wine grapes were already harvested and were not affected by the smoke from these devastating fires.

VINEYARD CHARACTER

The Hop Barn Hill Syrah Vineyard was planted in 1996 on a clay loam slope near the old hop barn neighboring our winemaking area and tasting room. These heavy clay soils are perfect to reduce the vigor common to Syrah vines, forcing the plants to focus their efforts into the fruit versus their canopy or root systems. The grapevines are planted in four separate blocks; one meter by two meters apart, on less than an acre of land which yields no more than 3 barrels each vintage.

TASTING NOTES

Complex aromas of fresh roasted coffee, hickory and black plum are found in the nose. The present tannins found on the palate complement the sweet flavors of huckleberry and cacao nibs. The supple, savory finish lingers long after the wine leaves the mouth.



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SYRAH
HOP BARN HILL
VINEYARD

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
ESTATE GROWN

2017 Vintage

- 94 points Antonio Galloni, Vinous

2016 Vintage

- 96+ points Wine Advocate
- 95 points Antonio Galloni, Vinous

2015 Vintage

- 95+ points Wine Advocate
- 95 points Antonio Galloni, Vinous

Winemaker: Courtney Wagoner

Consulting Winemaker:
Erin Green

Case Production: 60