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Vellutini Ranch Syrah | Russian River Valley 2018

GROWING YEAR

The 2018 season was much calmer than 2017, due to the absence of extra rain and heat spikes we experienced in 2017. The moderate temperatures in the spring and summer allowed for a longer growing season and full flavor development. There was plenty of water in the soil to carry the clusters through the long growing season with minimal dehydration. Our first day of harvest in 2018 was September 10th, compared with an August 26th start in 2017. It was nice that the production crew could enjoy the Labor Day holiday right before the long hours and hard work of harvest began.

VINEYARD CHARACTER

Our Vellutini Syrah vineyard is two acres in size, and was planted in 2000 to clone 470. It sits on the western edge of the Russian River Valley on a northeast slope, which receives the first ray of early morning sunshine. The Vellutini Ranch vineyards are bordered on the east by Jackass Hill and on the south by Jackass Vineyard, sharing the same Franciscan soil type.

TASTING NOTES

Intriguing aromas of dark chocolate, allspice and blackberry are found in the nose of our 2018 Vellutini Syrah. Integrated tannins punctuate the layers of complexity in the mouth with flavors of cherry, chocolate shavings and sweet nutmeg that last from entry to finish.



2017 Vintage

- 94+ points – Erin Brooks, Wine Advocate
- 94 points - Antonio Galloni, Vinous

2016 Vintage

- 97 points – Erin Brooks, Wine Advocate
- 95 points - Antonio Galloni, Vinous

2015 Vintage

- 94 points – Erin Brooks, Wine Advocate
- 92 points - Antonio Galloni, Vinous

Winemaker: Courtney Wagoner

Consulting Winemaker:
Erin Green

Case Production: 137