

LAVACAP

2016 Syrah, El Dorado AVA



HARVEST DATES: October 2016

VINEYARD: Lava Cap Farms

BLEND: 95% Syrah, 5% Rhone Varietals

AGING: 32 Months in 2nd Fill French Oak

CASES PRODUCED: 451

ALC: 14.4%

PH: 3.83

TA: .62

VINEYARD NOTES: Our Syrah Vineyard grows on a beautiful south facing slope reminiscent of the Hermitage hill in the Rhone Region of France. With the cooling breezes from our vineyards 2700' elevation and the rich, well drained soils, our Syrah vines develop the lengthy flavors consistent with acclaimed Syrah wines. The soils are a combination of Aiken loam with veins of weathered Lava Cap and traces of decomposed granite. The Syrah blocks are trellised 2 different ways to alter ripening; as a quadrilateral system and a cane pruned system. Having 2 distinct ripening profiles allows us to build a more complex wine with roundness and nuances.

WINE MAKER NOTES: Our Syrah is robust, bold, and has the most amazing finish that displays a complex array of flavors. On the nose hints of prosciutto and sage open to cherry cola, complimenting the rich and intriguing flavors of dense bright candied cherry and black olive. This wine barrel aged for 32 months in second fill French oak, allowing the tannin structure to mature into a velvety texture on the finish. A wine that does well with age, aging 3-5 years while building more complex earth and forest flavors on the nose and palate. Drink young if you prefer the robust and grippy tannin structure in red wines.