

BLACK BEAR

2016 BLACK BEAR BLOCK SYRAH

The Black Bear Block is a 3 ½ acre block planted on its own roots in 1978. Named for the black bears that live around our vineyard, the Black Bear Block was the first Syrah vineyard planted in Santa Barbara County and is now the oldest remaining Syrah vineyard on the Central Coast.

2016 took a step back towards normal after two of our warmest vintages and earliest harvests on record. An early bud-break in March started the year ahead of schedule, but spring temperatures were generally average. Early summer saw a return to the heat, but Mother Nature quickly hit the brakes in August and September allowing the vines to slow their accumulation of sugar and loss of acidity. This 2016 Black Bear Block Syrah has a charming bouquet, intense with black raspberry, plum, star anise, and charred sage. The more subtle notes of crushed violets and cured meats evolve as the wine breathes.



APPELLATION
Santa Ynez Valley

COMPOSITION
100% Syrah

AGING
21 months in 40%
new French oak




VINEYARDS
Block | Black Bear
Block (Mesa H)

ALCOHOL
14.2%

PH | TA
3.56 | 0.624 g/100mL

WINEMAKING AND VINEYARD TEAM

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