

# ESTRELLA

## 2017 ESTRELLA

The Estrella clone represents the most significant Syrah clone found on California's central coast. First planted on our estate in 1978, as the Black Bear Block, Estrella has become known as the signature Syrah clone of our vineyard. To honor the several generations of Estrella plantings on our estate ranging from 1978 to 2012, our winemaking team created this very special single clone Syrah.

Perhaps the most versatile clone of Syrah on our estate, Estrella is the cornerstone of many of our Syrah bottlings. This vintage of Estrella Syrah is another dedication to the charisma that it can bring to a wine. The aromatics blossom as the wine is allowed to breath, driven by a tone of graphite that overarches notes of anise and menthol. It delivers a charming rusticity in the front palate, with the acidity coaxing the wine into a brambly finish highlighted by granular tannins. Granted time in the glass, the plush texture can be admired, while in the coming years this wine is promised to develop further nuances and character.



### APPELLATION

Santa Ynez Valley

### COMPOSITION

100% Syrah, Estrella Clone

### AGING

21 months in 22% new French oak

### VINEYARDS

Blocks | Mesa A, C3 C4, & H

### ALCOHOL

14.9%

### PH | TA

3.53 | 0.583g/100mL

### WINEMAKING AND VINEYARD TEAM

*Kristin, Randy, Agustin, Ruben, José, Angel, & Ramirez*