

EIGHT BARREL SYRAH



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The Story: The first vintage of Eight Barrel Syrah was created in 1993 out of an inquisitive nature from our past winemaker, Daniel Gehrs. Typically, wines are made by crushing grapes, allowing fermentation, pressing the grape skins and stems – or pomace – to extract all juice, and then moving the wine into barrel for aging. Eight Barrel Syrah was crafted by first allowing the wine juice to freely run out of the fermentation tanks off the grape skins and stems without pressing the pomace to release trapped wine. Then, we allowed the remaining trapped juice to slowly drain overnight into a separate collection, gradually extracting deep color and flavor from the grape skins. The collected volume of wine from that first vintage filled just eight barrels, and so it was christened “Eight Barrel”, a new and distinct bottling of Syrah. The wine’s opulent style caused its cult following to grow each year, so we no longer produce only eight barrels of the wine. We do, however, keep the name as a nod to the eight barrels of wine that started our tradition. Eight Barrel has since evolved into one of our most sought after wines, offering a more hedonistic option to our Syrah offerings.

The 2018 Eight Barrel Syrah is as brooding and powerful as ever. The nose is bursting with notes of boysenberry cobbler, rich chocolate ganache, charred plum, and just a hint of dried bay leaf. Decadent tannins envelop the palate to create a round and pleasing texture. Fresh black fruits provide an aromatic lift and freshness to the wine that complements the sweet, toasted oak spices and lengthens the finish. Impress your friends and family by bringing this sumptuous wine to the next backyard barbeque or keep it to yourself and enjoy a glass by the fire accompanied by your favorite book.

APPELLATION
Santa Ynez Valley

COMPOSITION
100% Syrah

ALCOHOL
14.8%

VINEYARDS
Blocks | Mesa B,
Chapel G

AGING
20 months in 45%
new French oak

PRODUCTION
530 cases

WINEMAKING AND VINEYARD TEAM

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