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2022 SYRAH *Bennett Valley*

APPELLATION	Bennett Valley
HARVEST DATE	September 15th, 2022
pH	3.66
TA	6.59
ABV	14%
CASES PRODUCED	167
RELEASE DATE	August 2024

PRODUCTION NOTES

The 2022 vintage saw a continuation of the severe drought that started in 2021. On 4/19/2021 the water from Lake Mendocino was shut off and remained shut off until 10/9/22. No water at all was made available for Agriculture from the lake. The use of many other water sources was either restricted or completely prohibited. The ongoing lack of soil moisture led to a second year of weak shoot growth and poor fruit set. Overall, the crop in North Coast was about 10% below normal. The 2022 vintage produced another small crop of high-quality grapes.

TASTING NOTES

The Syrah from our original vineyard site in Bennett Valley is always excellent and 2022 is no exception. The main block is on a 30 degree slope, on red volcanic soils, with a southwest aspect. In June and July the block gets sun until 9pm. Every afternoon between 3pm and 4pm the wind rolls in from the coast and the temperature drops sharply. Syrah likes low vigor sites, with cooler temperatures, and wind. This site has all of that and always delivers world class Syrah fruit.

The nose displays Spice, Black Cherry Blossom, Nutmeg, and Leather. On the palate there are notes of Pomegranate, Cranberry, Black Raspberry, and ripe Black Plum. This is an elegant, beautifully integrated wine. It is also a wine that pairs very well with a range of dishes. My favorite is a garlic and rosemary leg of lamb with lots of savory root vegetables!

Bennett Valley is a great area for Rhone varietals and both our Viognier and our Syrah come from top sites in this unique AVA.

