

FAMILY CELLARS
SINCE 1982
CLINE

SINGLE VINEYARD SERIES

Estate Grown
SYRAH
LOS CARNEROS
v. 2016

VINEYARDS

Our Syrah is grown at our Five Sisters Estate Vineyard located just to the west of the winery, perched on a small, 18-acre hillside that offers commanding views of the Carneros wetlands. It is ideally situated for growing world-class cool climate Syrah. The grapes receive cooling benefits from morning fog and afternoon breezes from the nearby Pacific Ocean and San Pablo Bay. During the mid-day, temperatures warm up providing the grapes with excellent exposure. This unique terroir creates a very long growing season. The rugged hillside is meticulously tended by hand (and sheep) and yields spectacular fruit year after year.



FERMENTATION & AGING

Our Los Carneros hillside Syrah is one of our last vineyards to be harvested each year. The grapes were hand-picked and arrived at the crush pad in excellent condition. The grapes were destemmed without being crushed and pumped to our fermentors. The must begins to ferment with natural yeast within 48 hours of crushing. The wine is pumped-over three times a day to maximize fruit and color extraction. The fermentation was kept at moderately warm temperature and the must was pressed shortly after the wine had gone dry to achieve the desired amount of tannin and extract. The wine is racked once and then moved on to French oak with a dark toast level for aging.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

This is one of the most aggressive wines we make. Sort of like a 150 horsepower motorcycle. Once you pop the cork you are in for an experience - without the helmet and leathers, of course. The wine is dark purple with black edges in the glass and opens with aromas of berries and chocolate. The big, well-balanced wine showcases flavors of boysenberry and licorice leading to a lengthy finish with silky tannins.

TECHNICAL DATA

Composition:.....	100% Syrah
Harvest Date:	September 23
Alcohol:.....	14.5%
Brix at Harvest:	25.2°
Total Acidity:67g/100ml
Final pH:	3.95
Residual Sugar:	0.47% g/l
Oak:	French oak, med-dark toast
Oak Aging:	12 Months

