



2015 Estate Syrah - Donna's
Estate Small Lot Collection - Sta. Rita Hills

Named for Ron Melville's wife, Donna's block is planted atop twenty feet of sand in the northeast section of our vineyard and is composed of equal parts clone 1 and Estrella clone. Fermented with 100% whole clusters and aged in neutral barrel, this wine provides vividly enhanced aromatics and structure making it demonstrative of the extremely cool climate of the site on which it is grown. Fruit was fermented in small 1.5 ton open-top fermenters with total skin and stem contact averaging 30 days (a 7 day cold soak, 2+ weeks fermentation and 1+ week extended maceration). From the press, the wine was transferred directly into neutral French oak barrels where it remained sur lie with no sulfur until May and was then prepared for bottling in December. Yields were 3.7 lbs/vine (3.1 tons per acre).

Jeb Dunnuck: 93 points

Antonio Galloni: 91+ points

***Tasting Notes:** Boasting a dark ruby hue, intoxicating and savory aromatics of beef broth, teriyaki, fresh tobacco and stewed black cherries emerge initially. With time, lifted spice impressions of pink peppercorns, fennel and rosemary sprig also become apparent. On the palate tightly wound and energetic tannins coat the mouth and transition seamlessly into a pure and focused finish possessing tremendous depth and concentration.*

AVA: Sta. Rita Hills

100% Syrah

Cases Produced: 500

Clones: Estrella, Clone 1

Elevage: Aged in neutral barrel (10-20 year old French oak)

Fermentation: 100% whole cluster

Alcohol: 13.8%