



2017 Estate Syrah - *Donna's Block* ***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 before being prepared for bottling in June 2019.

Wine Enthusiast: 97 Points

Antonio Galloni: 95 Points

Jeb Dunnuck: 95 Points

Tasting notes: Dark red brick colored, intense spice aromatics of pink peppercorn, clove and sage are immediately noticeable up front. With time, intriguing nuances of cocoa powder, redwood bark and dried flowers come forward as well. Extraordinarily balanced on the palate, this wine shows incredible depth along with a rare combination of both elegance and power.

AVA: Sta. Rita Hills

Varietal: 100% Syrah

Cases Produced: 610

Clones: Estrella, Clone 1

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

Fermentation: 100% whole cluster

Alcohol: 14.2%