

Sarah's Vineyard

Central Coast
Santa Clara Valley
California



2016

Madonne Red Estate

65% Grenache, 20% Syrah, 11% Mourvedre,
4% Counoise

<i>Winemaker</i>	Tim Slater
<i>Wine Color</i>	Red
<i>Wine Type</i>	Still
<i>% Alcohol</i>	14.4
<i>RS (gm/l)</i>	na
<i>TA (g/L) /pH</i>	na /na
<i>Case Production</i>	420

Tasting Notes

This is significantly more concentrated and bolder than previous vintages. Our Grenache and Mourvedre were planted in 2006, and after 10 years their maturity is reflected in the cuvees. There is still plenty of fresh fruit on the attack, but the back end features much more savory character and bolder tannic structure than in previous vintages. This vintage really expresses what we've always hoped to achieve; an Estate grown wine that encompasses the qualities of a Chateauneuf-du-Pape.

Winemaker Notes

2016 was a very typical year, if any year can be said to be typical. Taken as a whole, the year was neither very hot with early ripening, or very cool with late ripening. Grenache was shoot thinned and cluster thinned by approximately 35% in June ("green drop"). Harvest yields were normal in the key components of Grenache, Mourvèdre and Syrah. Harvest dates were typical; early October for Syrah, mid-October for Grenache and early November for Mourvèdre.