

## 2016 Syrah Zotovich Vineyard Sta. Rita Hills

For 2016 our Syrah from Zotovich Vineyard falls right in line with what we think good cold climate Syrah should be. Dark as can be with a heady aroma of dark fruits and rich earthy spice. From the moment we see this fruit begin to develop in the vineyard until it is fermented and pressed off we enjoy a sense of excitement over this wine. This is one of our favorite wines to make and the anticipation of what it will become as it goes through the various stages of winemaking is always fun to experience. Grown in the deep sandy soils of Zotovich Vineyard where it is meticulously cared for and ripens slowly in the cool, foggy Sta. Rita air, we think you will share in some of that excitement the moment you pour some in a glass.

Tasting Note: This wine has an inky, dark red to purple color. On the nose, classic dark fruits like black cherry, plum and dark berries mingle with dried meats and leathery earthiness. Stem inclusion is obvious, adding to the spicy/earthy aroma as well as adding a good dose of tannin. On the palate, more of those dark fruits are present wrapped in a round, glossy mouth-feel. This wine finishes with a touch of astringency from young tannins and will benefit from a couple years in the cellar or an hour in a decanter.

Only 100 cases produced 100% clone 1 Syrah 30% Whole Cluster 15% alcohol pH 3.68 TA 0.63g/100ml Retail Price: \$48.00