

Crawford Family Wines



2016 Syrah Shokrian Vineyard Santa Barbara County

Babak Shokrian bought what had been Melville winery's "Verna's" vineyard a few years back and has been diligently working on revamping it and making it his own. We have been buying fruit from here for years and have always loved the unique, cool climate appeal it has. Normally it is earmarked for our Second Street Cuvée blend, but we had some extra in 2016 and decided to bottle some as a single vineyard wine. We source from a single block of clone 877 Syrah and we like this fruit to come in ripe. It holds on to its acid really well and it takes time for it to get to the picking window we like for Syrah. Fermented with 1/3 whole clusters to add to the earthy qualities of the fruit and in order to add a little extra structure to the backbone of the wine, this is rich, earthy, food friendly Syrah at it's best.

Tasting Note: The 2016 Syrah from Shokrian Vineyard is a deep, dark red to purple color. It has an expressive nose of blackberries, blueberries and black cherry. Complimenting the fruit are aromas of leather and spice and a woody, earthiness from the use of stems. There is no question the wine is ripe and rich but the acid really hangs on and makes the wine more medium bodied and a terrific companion to any grilled meats or your richer pasta dishes.

Only 100 cases produced
100% Syrah
15.2% alcohol
pH 3.64
TA 0.63g/100ml
Retail Price: \$48.00