



## 2016 EISELE VINEYARD SYRAH

### WINEGROWING INFORMATION

The 2016 winter was mild and fairly dry, leading to early bud break as it had in 2015. Heavy rains in March, however, led the vintage on its own favorable path, allowing a generous canopy to develop. Bloom finally arrived a week later than the year prior, though ensuing dry and warm conditions ensured a good fruit set. Mild July weather was auspicious. The vineyard team was delighted to see veraison colors across every parcel within the short period of a single week. Continuing amiable weather allowed a gentle ripening through warm days and cool nights. The absence of excess in the climate in the weeks leading to harvest contributed to fine varietal expression, which marks this vintage. The fruit was picked between September 15th and 19th in ideal conditions.

The grapes were certified 'Organic' by CCOF and 'Biodynamic' by Demeter.

### TASTING NOTES

Our winemaking team notes: "This delicious wine immediately asserts itself with dark, rich hues of purple in the glass. The nose arouses a spectrum of powerful associations including smoked meat, bitter chocolate, coffee bean, and licorice, all laced with hints of violets. Dark fruits envelop the palate, the opulent flavors continuously framed by impeccably fine tannins. The finish is wistfully long, this 2016 Syrah is a beautiful melding of purity and intensity, and fully captures the Eisele expression of this noble varietal. This vintage deserves patience that will allow it to develop its full potential."

### GRAPE SOURCE

Eisele Vineyard

100% Syrah

363 cases made

Release date: June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019