

Drew

2014 Syrah Valenti Ranch Mendocino Ridge AVA

We've been working with fruit from this ranch for ten years now. In 2013 we took over the lease on the vineyard and consider it the closest in the family with the exception of our new estate vineyard. The Valenti Ranch is located 6 miles from the Pacific ocean in a cool region, classified as a Climate 1. The maritime conditions flow directly east, up the Greenwood watershed blanketing the Valenti property with coastal fog and windy conditions. This reduces yields and berry size, resulting in wonderful intensity and complexity of flavors. The soils are ancient ocean floor uplift in origin with predominately fractured decomposed sandstone and shale with a high content of iron. This vineyard is perched on a ridgetop, 1,350 feet in elevation on a steep east facing hillside minimizing vigor.

<u>Harvest Data</u>		<u>Finished Wine</u>	
Vineyard:	Valenti	Ph:	3.65
Harvest:	September 17, 2014	TA:	6.5 g/L
Sugars:	22.8 degrees brix	Alcohol:	12.8% by vol.
Ph:	3.36	Bottling date:	Sept. 2015
TA:	6.9 g/L	Number of cases:	100 cases
Oak:	50% new French Oak Puncheon.		
Other:	co-fermented with 5% Viognier. 50% whole cluster fermentation. Gravity racked twice. 100% Native yeast fermentation.		

Vineyard Tech.'s

Ton/Acre:	1.9 tons per acre
Variety:	Syrah
Clone:	100% clone #1
Rootstock:	3309p
Planted:	2001
Spacing:	6 x 8
Trellis:	Vertical Shoot Position
Pruning:	Spur pruned
Orientation:	Rows run North-east by South-west
Slope:	10%
Aspect:	East, North-east
Soil:	Ornbaun; Silty clay loam over sandstone.

Winemaker Notes:

Medium dark red with purple magenta hues. A complex nose rich in cooked roast, Carpaccio, green olive, cracked white pepper, cooking spice and dark cherries. The palate is intense and restrained with fresh game, cherry, plum and leather. There

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is a very long, worn velvet finish with a cherry mineral backbone. The finest Syrah I've made from this site to date!