



2015 CHRISTO

ESTATE GROWN RHÔNE-STYLE RED WINE

BLEND

64% Syrah, 23% Grenache, 7% Petite Sirah, 6% Viognier

AGING

18 months in neutral barrels

ALCOHOL BY VOLUME

15.2%

PRODUCTION

8,000 cases

RELEASE DATE

Fall 2018

SUGGESTED DRINKING WINDOW

Drink now or age up to ten years

HARVEST NOTES

The 2015 growing season delivered variable weather during fruit set, which resulted in a smaller crop. While yields were down, quality was very high. The early harvest showcased full flavors and deep color extraction, and also allowed us to escape the punishing effects of mid-October rains.

WINE NOTES

This intense, powerful Syrah-based wine is grown mostly on our McDowell Valley property which has a long history of championing Rhone varietals. Co-fermented with Viognier, the Syrah expresses violet, tar, and rich earth. Petite Sirah from Alexander Valley brings chewy bitter chocolate, while Grenache grown at 1400 feet elevation in the Yorkville highlands keeps the wine bright and juicy. Full-bodied and fleshy, this wine is dark and brooding yet silky and smooth.

FAMILY SERIES

Our history of family winemaking goes back four generations in Sonoma County. At current count, there have been seven different winemakers in the family. Each has had their own focus and style. The unifying elements have been family, hard work, passion, and a love of the creative process that is winemaking. Our Family Series consists of a Zinfandel, a Cabernet Sauvignon, and a Rhône-style red wine. All three are carefully crafted from Estate Grown grapes from our properties in Northern Sonoma County, the McDowell and Hopland Valleys, and the Yorkville Highlands.

92 points

The 2015 Christo is a Rhône-style blend of 64% Syrah, 23% Grenache, 7% Petite Sirah, and 6% Viognier. Beautiful blackberry fruit, peppery herbs, underbrush, and a hint of olive all give way to a medium to full-bodied, plump, textured beauty that shines for its charm, texture, and pleasure-bent style.

— Jeb Dunnuck, June 2018