



2016 CHRISTO

ESTATE GROWN RHÔNE-STYLE RED WINE

BLEND

65% Syrah, 19% Petite Sirah, 11% Grenache, 5% Viognier

AGING

18 months in neutral barrels

ALCOHOL BY VOLUME

15.2%

PRODUCTION

3,500 cases

RELEASE DATE

Fall 2019

SUGGESTED DRINKING WINDOW

Drink now or age up to ten years

HARVEST NOTES

The 2016 growing season was moderate and even across the North Coast, allowing for extended hang-time, ideal ripeness, deep color, and excellent balance. A near twin to 2015, with the bonus of a larger crop, 2016 was the epitome of California winegrowing.

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.

93 points

The 2016 Christo, Marietta's Syrah-based blend, is terrific. Black cherry, chocolate, leather, licorice and spice give the wine much of its dark, brooding feel. Powerful and intense, but with good freshness, the 2016 is wonderfully complete and absolutely delicious.

— Antonio Galloni