

the hilt

2021

The Estate wines are defined by the fruit and flavors of our little southwestern corner of the Sta. Rita Hills. They speak of the nuances and complexities of our properties as a whole. These wines take into account the many aspects, clones, soil types and other properties of our estate. They give us the maximum amount of blending components and, represent the most complete wines in our portfolio.

Matt Dees, Winemaker Notes:

An exciting new adventure for The Hilt. A true cool climate syrah...in this case actually pushing close to cold climate. Juicy boysenberry. Violet hard candies, lavender and the smell of the stones at Bentrack. Dust and green peppercorn. Silky, sappy and then savory. Blackberry, pepper bacon, Kalamata olive and rosewater. Stays focused and tense throughout with gently gripping tannic structure from the stem inclusion. These chalky tannins linger on the finish, but eventually lose the race to bright and vibrant red fruit that isn't even close to stopping nor slowing down. This towering and unique wine finally had the intrigue and quality to demand an Estate designation. The absolute favorite of our winemaking team. Show stopper.

ESTATE SYRAH

CASES: 94
ALCOHOL: 13.0%
BLEND: 100% Syrah
APPELLATION: Sta. Rita Hills

CLONAL SELECTION: Bentrack Vineyard (cl. 470, Alban PB)

VINE AGE: 14
BARREL REGIME: 90% neutral French oak
10% new French oak
66% Whole cluster fermentation
16 months

