

# brick & mortar

2019  
syrah  
west block  
petaluma gap



## TECHNICAL NOTES:

*Vineyard Designation: West Block  
AVA: Petaluma Gap  
Production: 150 cases  
Alcohol: 12.5%  
Release Date: April 1, 2021*

## VINEYARD

West Block is located in a cool, wind-blown area of the Petaluma Gap in the Sonoma Coast AVA. Planted in the early-90's to the Joseph Phelps clone of Syrah, this vineyard block is oriented east-west allowing even ripening during the long, extended growing season.

The close proximity to the San Pablo Bay create a maritime climate that further accentuates the cool climate for the Petaluma Gap. The soils are derived from decomposed sandstone and shale, adding intense structure and complexity to our West Block Syrah.

## VINTAGE

The 2019 vintage was a classic Northern California vintage. Ample rains in the spring alleviated drought concerns and allowed for a wonderful start to the harvest. A warm, late summer, followed by a cooling trend created ideal ripening conditions. 2019 was an excellent vintage that made wines with great structure. The fruit for our 2019 West Block Syrah was harvested on September 24, all around 21° brix.

## WINEMAKING

We strive to allow the site to shine in every wine we produce. West Block Syrah undergoes an extended cold soak until native yeast begin a spontaneous fermentation in open-top fermenters, where the grapes are punched down by hand once to twice per day. Our small lot fermentations, with 100% whole cluster, take upwards of a month before a light pressing to barrel for their extended aging. Our Syrah remains in 100% used French oak puncheons for 6 months and then is racked once prior to bottling.

## WINE

Boisterous violets, Damson plum and fresh blackberries shine through the beautiful earthy and crushed stone components of this wine. Notes of fresh Bay leaf and graphite create depth to further accentuates the aromas of fennel seeds and dried herbs. Fine tannins and a plush mid-palate create an alluring wine that is youthful upon release and will age gracefully for the next 8-10 years.

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