

# brick & mortar

2018  
syrah  
west block  
petaluma gap



## TECHNICAL NOTES:

*Vineyard Designation: West Block  
AVA: Petaluma Gap  
Production: 150 cases  
Alcohol: 12.5%  
Release Date: February 1st, 2020*

## VINEYARD

West Block is located in a cool, wind-blown area of Petaluma 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 Petaluma. The soils are derived from decomposed sandstone and shale, adding intense structure and complexity to our West Block Syrah.

## VINTAGE

The 2018 vintage was a vintage about patience. From the onset of the growing season, there were beautiful, steady growing conditions with abundant rains in the early season and endless sunshine on the emerging buds through flowering. Cool night and warm days lead to a slow and lengthened ripening, creating greater fruit complexity with beautiful bright acidity. West Block Syrah was harvested on October 16th at 21.5 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 barrels 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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