



HIGHWAY 12

CRAFTED IN SONOMA

SRB SONOMA RED BLEND
SONOMA COUNTY · 2016

ABOUT THE WINE

Our 2016 Sonoma Red Blend, aptly referred to as SRB, again delivers massive quality and structure in a bright and luscious Sonoma style. Some call it a crowd pleaser but we like to think this wine will stand up to and surpass most Red Blends in its price category...and even higher up the price point spectrum. The 2016 release takes on a similar style to its predecessor. Comprised of 52% Merlot, 16% Syrah, 12% Petite Sirah, 10% Cabernet Franc and 10% Malbec, the wine was aged in French oak for 15 months and showcases full-bodied richness.

TASTING NOTES

A fruity, leathery nose offers a glimpse into what unfolds on the palate. Hefty bright notes of ripe plum, currant jelly and a tinge of sweet tobacco fill the senses with the first sip. As this breathes, it morphs into something exceptionally smooth and round, a result of the introduction of soft tannins and lightly burnt toffee oak. The fig jam finish lingers but just long enough to go in for the next sip.

WINEMAKING & VINEYARDS

Vineyard location and terrior are important to us. For this SRB we have reached back to the very same vineyards that have produced the past eight vintages. The heart of Sonoma Valley represents the lionshare of the fruit source. Robust Merlot and Syrah from the 'banana belt' combined with accent touches of Cab, Petit Verdot and Malbec showcase our cherished region. As a result, we achieve a wine with depth and balanced tannins supported by appropriate alcohol levels.

WINE NOTES

Appellation: Sonoma County
Barrel Aging: 15 months
Alcohol by Volume: 13.9%
pH Level: 3.79
Titrateable Acidity: 5.8 gm / L

