

2023

TASTING NOTES

SYRAH

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The 2023 season began with a GENEROUS REPRIEVE after *multiple* years of low rainfall. *Abundant winter rains* graced our site through March.

Mild temperatures and turgescient fog provided an *UNHURRIED* and *DELIBERATE* start to the growing season. A MODERATELY late budbreak guided us into a *delightfully temperate* spring and start to summer.

July, August and September held EXEMPLARY RIPENING temperatures allowing the fruit *ample time* to develop the *flavor* and *aroma* precursors, the odorless compounds FOUND in grapes that then *TRANSFORM* into AROMATIC molecules during WINEMAKING.

Lush October heat invited a harvest that *endured* until every bunch *REACHED ITS ZENITH* of QUALITY, with harvest of the ENTIRE BLOCK occurring on October II.

We were lucky enough to have a *friend* of the winery, VANESSA CONLIN, *Master of Wine*, share her tasting notes *WITH US* and now *YOU*.

The 2023 OVID NAPA VALLEY SYRAH is a deep *RUBY* with undertones of magenta. *Brightly* fragrant, with black strawberry gelée, *macerated blackberry*, fragrant earth and smoked game. THE TANNINS are *LONG* and *LITHE*, with FRESHNESS balancing the long, POWERFUL finish of tar, jasmine oil and *wild plum*.



AUSTIN PETERSON, *Winemaker*