

2016 DUMOL GREYWACKE VINEYARD EDDIE'S PATCH SYRAH

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From the iron-rich soils of Greywacke Vineyard, our new vintage of *Eddie's Patch* is one of our finest efforts from this special vintage. The wine comes from a two-acre steep east-facing hillside parcel of vines that ekes out an existence in meager, shallow soils composed mostly of rocks and gravel. In this regard, it's a very different animal from our Estate Vineyard bottling, and the two wines complement one another beautifully. While the Estate Syrah is entirely pure fruit and succulence, this wine is firmer, more dramatic and elemental. A bit wild and hard to contain, it could be considered Syrah in its more feral state.

Greywacke's iron-rich soils confer an extremely ferrous character to the wine that we see every vintage (terroir!), a trait I describe as mineral/red vapor. This distinctly ferrous note interweaves with spicy dark fruits (tart and savory), mint and a soy-like meatiness. On the palate, the wine is immediately fruit-driven—a slight surprise given the savory nature of its aromatics—with a sense of tiny wild berries, intense, potent and spicy. The wine possesses prodigious structure and deep texture from ultra-low yields due to such unforgiving soils. While you can sample your allocation soon after release (frankly, this wine could outlive most of us), I think it will be best enjoyed between 2020 and 2030. Our finest *Eddie's Patch* since the 2013 vintage, and one of our greatest efforts ever.

VINEYARD & WINEMAKING DETAILS

APPELLATION	RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
VINEYARD	GREYWACKE VINEYARD
CLONES	ALBAN & APB
VINE AGE	12 YEARS
HARVEST DATE	SEPTEMBER 21 ST
BARREL AGING	AGED 16 MONTHS IN 40% NEW FRENCH OAK HOGSHEADS FROM TONNELLERIE ERMITAGE.
PRODUCTION	300 CASES OF 750ML, 12 CASES OF 1.5L & 12 BOTTLES OF 3L