## 2017 DUMOL EDDIE'S PATCH SYRAH

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## IMPRESSIONS

Our eighteenth vintage of Eddie's Patch Syrah is one of the most floral, peppery and succulent that I can remember, most similar, in my mind, to the delicious 2012 bottling. It comes from a blend of neighboring mountainside vineyards that overlook the Russian River where it slowly meanders towards Jenner and the ocean. This is one of the widest and deepest stretches of the river, and it brings dense lingering fog each morning to keep the vines cool and hydrated. These vineyards are planted at 500–700' elevation in rocky volcanic soils, facing east toward the gentle morning sun. It's an incredible place to grow Syrah, and these natural terroir signatures reflect in this beguiling, complex wine.

The wine's aromatics have noteworthy purity and tremendous range. The palate shows that classic lilting element of the world's greatest, most memorable wines, the flavors pushing and evolving each time you return to the glass. It's supple and succulent, with less tannin but greater cool-climate peppery, gamey character than the 2016 bottling. Truly something special.

Deep inky aromas of boysenberry and black cherry meld with crushed stone and cracked black pepper. Red and black wild mountain berries are intense and vibrant while an edge of game and rosemary adds nuance. The silky mouthfeel reveals deep succulence and broad supple tannins, aromatic and finesse-driven through the long, detailed finish. Drink between 2020 and 2030 and gently decant for an hour in its youth.

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## VINEYARD & WINEMAKING DETAILS

APPELLATION	RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
VINEYARDS	50% GREYWACKE VINEYARD & 50% TIMBERVINE VINEYARD
CLONES	ALBAN & DURRELL
VINE AGE	13 & 21 YEARS
HARVEST DATES	hand harvested september $16^{\text{th}}$ & $29^{\text{th}}$
BARREL AGING	AGED 16 MONTHS IN 33% NEW FRENCH OAK HOGSHEADS FROM TONNELLERIE ERMITAGE.
PRODUCTION	295 CASES OF 750ML, 16 CASES OF 1.5L & 18 BOTTLES OF 3L