



2014 BLACKSWIFT CALIFORNIA RED BLEND

Winemaker
Carolina Bistué

Vineyard Location
Winters, California

Blend and Winemaking Notes

80% Syrah, 20% Grenache.

Both Syrah and Grenache grapes were hand-picked on the same day, creating a field blend. We started the harvest before sunrise on the first Saturday of October, obtaining well ripened grapes with mature tannins and fantastic concentration of flavors. Sorting of clusters in the field and at the winery, eliminating all non-desired components. Use of dry ice after destemming to prevent early fermentation. Fermented in bins with multiple daily punch-downs. 40% of the wine was aged in a new French oak 300l barrel and the rest in used oak barrels. Hand-bottled and labeled. First Release on April 2016.

Tasting Notes

Aromas and flavors of mature raspberries and black berries and hints of leather and pencil shavings. Savory and smooth balsamic notes, with dark minerals and mature tannins. Intense and full bodied. Aging potential of 10 years. Pair with medium rare steaks, slow-roast pork shoulder, mesquite-smoked brisket or osso buco.

