

Martin Ray

2019

SYRAH

Cooper-Garrod Vineyard
Santa Cruz Mountains

THE WINE

There is a delicate and subtle balance of fruit and savory elements in this cool-climate Syrah. Planted to shallow clay soils, this style is a direct result of the south-facing rows receiving abundant sunshine, but steadily moderated by its position under the fog line.

SOURCING

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VINEYARD NOTES

George Cooper and Jan Garrod planted their first vines in 1972 with guidance from their neighbor, the legendary Martin Ray himself. A relationship we've maintained over the decades, we were excited to receive Syrah from their tiny two-acre block.

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100% Syrah

VINTAGE NOTES

Starting with rain during bloom, 2019 transitioned into a steady, slow to warm spring. Temperate throughout the summer, offering only a couple intermittent heat spikes. Average yields and incredible quality with harvest beginning in early August.

WINEMAKING NOTES

Hand-sorted and gently destemmed and transferred into small, new French oak puncheons. Punched down by hand three times daily. Basket pressed and racked to 45% new French and American oak for 18 months of aging.

TASTING NOTES

Wild cherry with hints of marionberry and black peppercorn lead into a youthfully muted palate of dark fruit, fresh tobacco leaves and herbaceous undertones. Fleishy tannins up front with bright acidity and toasted oak come together for a lively finish.

RELEASE DATE

May 2022



BRIX AT HARVEST: 24.5°

pH: 3.59

TOTAL ACIDITY: 5.2 g/L

ALCOHOL: 14.3%