



## 2017 VERAH RHÔNE-STYLE RED BLEND

**Winemaker:** David Mounts

**Varietal Composition:** 32% Mourvèdre, 31% Syrah, 25% Grenache, 12% Counoise

**Appellation:** Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County

**Vineyards:** All varieties are estate grown. Mourvèdre vines are Entav clone 450, 6 years in age. Syrah vines are 17 years in age. Grenache vines are a combination of clone 362, 13 years in age and clone 515, 7 years in age. Counoise vines are Entav clone 233, 6 years in age.

**Harvest dates:** September 10, 2017 through October 8, 2017

**Brix at harvest:** average 26

**Total Acidity:** 5.4 g/l

**pH:** 3.85

**Alcohol:** 15.8%

**Cases produced:** 250

**Fermentation and aging:** Each variety fermented separately. 4 - 5 day cold soak, 85% whole cluster fermentation, punchdowns 3 times per day. Native yeast fermentation in small, open top, one ton fermenters. Total skin contact 18 days. Barrel aged 20 months in 45% new French oak.

**Tasting notes:** this Rhône style red blend has a powerful personality. Fragrant aromas of ganache, crushed raspberries and pencil shavings are intense but not overpowering. Flavors are loaded with deep black fruit, blackberry preserves, cassis, savory meat characters, and minerality. It is full-bodied with blockbuster tannins and will benefit from cellaring.

**Aging Potential:** 4 - 10 years

**SRP:** \$40

“Vera (roll the r), was the name of my maternal grandmother. Coincidentally David’s maternal grandmother was named Vera too. Vera means Faith in Russian. I am a first generation Russian American; both my mother and father’s side of the family came to America from Russia, by way of Persia (Iran). Faith is our daughter’s middle name, she is also the artist behind the flower designs on our Verah labels.

The Verah wines come out of our adoration for Rhône varieties, the respect for our heritage, the love we have for our family, and keeping them closely connected to the work we are passionate about.” - Lana Mounts

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