



## 2018 VERAH RHÔNE-STYLE RED BLEND

**Winemaker:** David Mounts

**Varietal Composition:** 32% Grenache, 32% Mourvèdre, 26% Syrah, 10% Counoise

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

**Vineyards:** All varieties are estate grown. Grenache vines are a combination of clone 362, 14 years in age and clone 515, 8 years in age. Mourvèdre vines are Entav clone 450, 7 years in age. Syrah vines are 18 years in age. Counoise vines are Tables Creek clone planted in 2014.

**Harvest dates:** September 21, 2018 through October 17, 2018

**Brix at harvest:** 24 - 27

**Total Acidity:** 5.8 g/l

**pH:** 3.75

**Alcohol:** 15.8%

**Cases produced:** 212

**Fermentation and aging:** Each variety fermented separately. 4 - 5 day cold soak, 30% whole cluster fermentation, punchdowns 3 times per day. Native yeast fermentation in small, open top, one ton fermenters. Total skin contact 14 days. Barrel aged 17 months in 33% new French oak. Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered.

**Tasting notes:** A bit more elegant than previous vintages. Strawberry and spice are upfront and center along with a kiss of baking spice and rose. It follows in flavor, silky and smooth, with the addition of rich blue fruit, graphite, rich meatiness and exotic spice. Lingering, upbeat, bright finish. Pairs well with grilled lamb chops, pork sugo, venison pâté, and Lana's favorite: Persian/Russian cuisine.

**Aging Potential:** 4 - 7 years

"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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