



CHALK HILL

CHAIRMAN'S CLUB

2017 SYRAH

WE HAVE A SPECIAL LOVE FOR SYRAH at Chalk Hill Estate. Our location in the Chalk Hill AVA in the warm end of the cool Russian River Valley is perfect for bringing out all the unique characteristics of this fabulous variety. Our Syrah is planted on a steep southwest-facing hillside, made up of rocks and volcanic soil. It's as close to the Rhône Valley as we get!

2017 began with heavy rains in winter, which reinvigorated the vineyards going into bud break. The region had sunny days throughout the spring and summer, and a heat spike in August which propelled the harvest schedule. Our 2017 Chairman's Club Syrah presents aromas of dark berries, wild game and black tea. On the palate, indulgent flavors of dark chocolate, clove, vanilla and boysenberry jam delight the senses. This wine is big, offering an inky color and layers of rich, dense characters melding seamlessly with silky tannins.

HARVEST

Harvest Date: OCTOBER 6, 2017

Average Yields: 3.12 TONS / ACRE

Average Brix at Harvest: 26.1°

FERMENTATION / BARREL

STAINLESS STEEL FERMENTATION WITH PUMPOVERS

100% MALOLACTIC FERMENTATION

Cooperage: 100% FRENCH OAK, 75% NEW

Barrel Aging: 22 MONTHS

WINE

Blend: 100% SYRAH

Bottling date: JULY 2019

pH: 3.88 *TA:* 5.25 G/L *Alcohol:* 15.5%

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