



Copain Wines

2017 LES VOISINS SYRAH

Our blended wines convey the unique characteristics of the regions in which the grapes were grown. We have an incredible set of estate and grower vineyards that provide the perfect source material for blending complex, elegant and delicious wines. We are highly selective with our vineyards, choosing only those with the best soil, climate and farming practices, and this wine is no exception. While exquisite now, these wines are crafted to be cellared and savored years after their release.

VINEYARD NOTES

Les Voisins Syrah originates from our top vineyards in Yorkville Highlands that share not only an appellation, but also Schist soils reminiscent of the northern Rhône. It is these soils that contribute to the spiciness and backbone of this Syrah. These vineyards are the source of two of our single vineyard bottlings.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Aromas: Hints of black olive and lilac intertwined with violet, and blueberry.

Palate: Medium grit, but refined tannins and a nervy grip give this wine its spine.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2017 vintage began with significant rainfall prior to bloom, refilling the state's reservoirs and ending California's five-year drought. We saw a sudden spike in temperatures just prior to harvest, leading fruit to ripen quicker than anticipated. This sped up our harvest schedule, but due to our ability to quickly mobilize, the fruit was still able to be picked at our preferred, optimal ripeness. Temperatures then cooled back down by mid-September, allowing the remaining vineyards to complete ripening at an ideal pace. The rest of harvest was finished as planned, with yields coming in at their typical levels.



APPELLATION Yorkville Highlands	FERMENTATION Fermented in 3 & 5 ton open-top tanks, pump-overs 1 x daily during fermentation, natural primary and malolactic fermentation, 25% whole cluster.	BRIX AT HARVEST 23°-24°
AGING Aged 16 months in neutral French oak barrels		ALCOHOL 14.1%
SOIL Yorkville Complex (Loam & Schist mixture)	CLONES 877, 174, Estrella River	PRODUCTION 1556 6-pack cases
		HARVEST DATE Sept 17 - October 9