

2016 *Green Valley of the Russian River*
Kobler Family Vineyard Syrah

The 2016 vintage was a goldilocks vintage - everything was just right. It was the last real drought vintage, yet not as intense of a drought as 2013 and 2015. This vintage really walks the line between the fruit and savory, the pretty and savage.

The 2016 Kobler Family Vineyard Syrah has floral notes as well as the typical Kobler meaty notes. Co-fermented with 10% Viognier, there is a suave quality to the nose and the palate is more brutish. The wine is high-toned and polished with judicious acidity. Notes of game, iron, and blood sausage are present on the palate with full tongue-coating tannin. It's a dichotomy between the nose and the palate. The nose has pretty elements; white flower blossom, grapefruit pith, apricot skins, dark fruit, and pink peppercorn coming from the tepidity in the vineyard. Whereas the palate has mostly savory aromas. If you didn't know this wine, the mouth doesn't seem to match the nose, making the wine very interesting. The 2016 Kobler Syrah is a thinking person's Syrah.

Cellar Notes:

Percentage New Oak

0%

Barrel Aging

22 months

Bottling Date

August 2018

Composition

90% Syrah

10% Viognier

Alcohol

14.0%

Production

311 cases

