
BRAVE & MAIDEN

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TECHNICAL NOTES

2016 RULE OF THIRDS

Dark red, almost black with a nose exhibiting classic Grenache aromas of raspberry, framed by baking spices. Grenache continues to dominate the palate with red berry and cola with the Syrah adding structure and weight. Mourvedre adds a hint of earth to the wine which is powerful while possessing a supple texture and a long finish.

VITICULTURE

<i>AVA</i>	Los Olivos District, Santa Ynez Valley
<i>Harvest Date</i>	October 5th
<i>Vintage Notes</i>	2016 was meant to be an El Niño rainy season that would cut a big dent in California's historic drought. But hopes were unrealized as the year began with another dry winter season. Fortunately, late season rains helped to leach salts and boost vine health. Spring to early summer was warm, then cooled off in July and August and finished with a heat spike in September, all helping to push harvest to another early start. While 2015 was Brave & Maiden's smallest vintage in years, 2016 rebounded with our heaviest crop to date.

WINEMAKING

<i>Blend</i>	66% Grenache, 33% Syrah, 1% Mourvedre.
<i>Description</i>	De-stemmed and hand-sorted to 1.5 ton fermenters, fermented for 14-21 days. Barreled down to 100% French oak, approximately 25% new and 25% 1 use aged for 20 months.
<i>Alcohol</i>	15.0%
<i>pH</i>	3.41
<i>Total Acid</i>	0.61 mg /100 mL
<i>Bottled</i>	20th of July 2018

RELEASE

<i>Cases</i>	314
<i>Release Date</i>	March 2019
<i>SRP</i>	\$65