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# BRAVE & MAIDEN

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TECHNICAL NOTES

## 2017 LIMITED SYRAH

Opaque black the 2017 Syrah has a spicy and gamey notes that burst from the glass immediately upon pouring. Floral and fruity notes frame a silky wine with smooth, mouth-coating tannins and a long, luxurious finish.

VITICULTURE	<i>AVA</i>	Los Olivos District, Santa Ynez Valley
	<i>Year(s) Planted</i>	1996 - 1998
	<i>Clone(s)</i>	Noir
	<i>Harvest Date(s)</i>	15th and 28th of September
	<i>Vintage Notes</i>	The 2017 vintage saw significant rain in January and February, much needed after a five year drought. Spring fluctuated between cool and warm periods with very few frost events. Spring also brought the usual cooler winds during bloom time, which made for uneven set in some areas. The summer moved back and forth between warm and hot, but the temperatures usually cooled in the evening to allow the grapes to retain acidity. An intense heatwave over Labor Day weekend pushed the sugar in the vines, but with a mild September, the plants were able to rebalance. With the mild September, harvest was extended well into October with a gradual maturation of the fruit making it easier on both harvesting crews and winemakers.
WINEMAKING	<i>Description</i>	92% De-stemmed, 8% Whole Cluster and hand-sorted to 1.5 ton fermenters, fermented for 14-21 days. Barreled down to 100% French oak, approximately 25% new and aged for 20 months.
	<i>Blend</i>	100% Syrah
	<i>Alcohol</i>	15%
	<i>pH</i>	3.7
	<i>Total Acid</i>	0.66 mg/100mL
	<i>Residual Sugar</i>	none
	<i>Bottle Date</i>	5th of July 2019
RELEASE	<i>Cases</i>	205
	<i>Release Date</i>	September 2020
	<i>SRP</i>	\$68