
BRAVE & MAIDEN

E S T A T E

TECHNICAL NOTES

2018 LIMITED SYRAH

So dark and so red, this wine almost doesn't let any light through. Quite closed, it exudes black pepper and grilled meat, with notes of mint, lavender, green tea, and even papaya. The expressive palate is ripe with plum, tobacco, and a freshness that carries through the long 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 2018 vintage was a return of cooler weather (such as 2010 & 2011). Another winter with rain was helpful in supplying the soil and plants with water. Spring was cooler than normal, but no significant frost events. With the cool spring, budbreak was delayed by 2-3 weeks. No extreme weather during set, which helped with good set and good yields. Summer was warm and promoted ripeness, but late summer and early fall were much cooler than past vintages and pushed harvest well into November. Despite the long drawn out harvest, crop levels were ample and fruit matured with excellent flavors and plenty of acid.
WINEMAKING	<i>Description</i>	The first red fruit harvested at Brave and Maiden, Syrah is de-stemmed and hand-sorted to 3-4 ton fermenters and fermented for approximately 21 days. Barreled down to 100% French oak, approximately 6% new and aged for 17 months.
	<i>Blend</i>	100% Syrah
	<i>Alcohol</i>	15%
	<i>pH</i>	3.94
	<i>Total Acid</i>	0.54 mg/100mL
	<i>Residual Sugar</i>	none
	<i>Bottle Date</i>	31st of March 2020
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RELEASE	<i>Cases</i>	228
	<i>Release Date</i>	September 2021
	<i>SRP</i>	\$68