



2017 DARIEN VINEYARD

Syrah, Russian River Valley, Sonoma



VINEYARD DESCRIPTION

Tucked into the gently rolling hills of Sonoma's Russian River Valley, Darien Vineyard enjoys a moderate climate and well-drained, loamy soils. The Syrah vines were planted in 2000 and 2001, and benefit from cool, foggy mornings that give way to warm afternoon sun from the southeast, allowing the exposed fruit to ripen evenly. The clusters tend to be fairly long in size and tightly packed. There are two different clones planted in the vineyard, each contributing its own unique flavors to the wine. Nickel & Nickel selects fruit from three-and three-quarter acres of the 25-acre vineyard.

HARVEST NOTES

The year began with a cold and much-needed wet winter, followed by a mild spring. April showers following budbreak resulted in hearty vine growth that only accelerated with the summer sun. The vineyard enjoyed a brief cooling period in August before a final heat spike over Labor Day weekend. The cool weather that immediately followed gave our fruit additional hang-time on the vine continuing phenolic development

SENSORY EVALUATION

Powerful and intense, the 2017 Darien Syrah seduces with its earthy aromatics. Captivating flavors of fresh picked wild berries and crisp plum unfold on the palate alongside wet earth, cigar, toasted nuts, and forest floor. Rich flavor with supple tannins make this wine complex yet approachable.

APPELLATION
Russian River Valley

VARIETAL
100% Syrah

AGING
French oak barrels
(48% new, 52% once-used)

RELEASE DATE
March 2020

HARVEST DATE
September 27, 2017

SKIN CONTACT
7 days

TIME
14 months

FIRST VINTAGE
2002