

VILLA CREEK

Willow Creek Cuvée 2015



BLEND

70% Grenache, 20% Syrah,
10% Mourvèdre

HARVEST

October 1st to 15th 2015

BOTTLED

February 2017

VINEYARDS *farming/soil*

Luna Matta: certified organic/clay loam
over lime stone

James Berry: organic, not certified
/thin layer of topsoil over limestone seabed

Denner: sustainable/thin layer of topsoil
over limestone seabed

VINTAGE

Nearly 5 inches of rain in a warm December 2014 led to a cooler spring. A consistent pattern of rain threats through April sadly did not pan out. Cloud cover and cool temperatures helped preserve the little bit of rain we received earlier in the season. These drought conditions combined with damaging spring frost and a cool windy spring led to much lower yields throughout the state. These same conditions however produced some intense and developed wines.

The spectacular though limited 2015 vintage will be in high demand.

VINIFICATION

After a careful sort, 25% of the clusters were destemmed and berries were then hand sorted. The grapes were fermented separately following a protocol of daily pigeage during an initial cold soak, then delestage and pump overs. 30% of the final blend was aged in new French puncheons, while the remainder rested in neutral oak barrels.

TASTING NOTES

WOW, what a sexy wine! Willow is a blend of Denner Grenache and Mourvedre, and James Berry Mourvèdre and Syrah, with a hint of Luna Matta Syrah. The final blend aged in French puncheons and barriques.

This deep plum colored wine is loaded with black and red fruits, framed by baking spices, caramel and Provencal herbs. Wonderful concentration and richness and a dusty dark chocolate finish make it a nice accompaniment to your wood fired oven or bbq feast. Drink 2017-2027