



## 2018 GEMELLAIA california

**Composition** - 35% Sangiovese, Luna Matta Vineyard 25% Merlot, Margarita Vineyard 20% Merlot, Jim Black Vineyard 20% Sangiovese, Creston Ridge Vineyard

**Élevage** - French Oak, 50% newish, Native Fermentation **Production** - 180 Cases **Alcohol** - 14.5%

## Winemaker's notes

Gemellaia is a barrel selection from our finest lots in the winery. Super Tuscan inspired, it melds Sangiovese's acid and tannin structure with the soft, generous fruit of Merlot from two special vineyards. The Merlot undergoes lengthy extended macerations to refine tannins and then spends 22 months in oak for complete development.

## **Tasting notes**

With Gemellaia, we draw from modern Italian wines for our inspiration, utilizing the highest percentage (roughly 50%) of new barriques in our lineup. The 2016 is classically structured to last, but already quite expressive with a nose of amaretto, black cherry, licorice, charred bell pepper, earth and light caramel. The palate is a seamlessly layered collection of black cherry, espresso, and sweet tobacco, hibiscus and violet.