

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

WINE CO.

2018 Sunhawk Farms "Lunatic" Syrah



Grape(s): 100% Syrah

Vineyard: The eight acres of grapevines found at Sunhawk Farms were planted twenty years ago by John Schaeffer, a pioneer of natural products and solar energy, who bought the 300-acre property and built an ideal retreat up the mountain next to Duncan Springs Peak.

John's Demeter-certified vineyard includes a 17th-century inspired lavender labyrinth at the top of the vineyard, a 2,500 tree olive orchard and 4 blocks of mixed (predominantly Rhône) red and white grape varieties planted on volcanic and serpentine soils. John and foreman Manuel Nunez are committed to developing and maintaining a biodynamic and self-sustaining ecosystem. Vines are treated with herbs, minerals and manure, much of which is sourced from the property itself.

AVA: Mendocino County

Method: The fruit underwent carbonic maceration for two weeks and was then foot crushed. The fruit received daily pumpovers during primary fermentation, followed by 4 weeks of extended maceration, for a total of 8 weeks on the skins. The fruit was then pressed and the wine was raised in mixed (225L and 500L) neutral oak barrels and puncheons for 10 months. The wine is racked to tank for blending 4 weeks prior to bottling. As always unfinned, unfiltered, and zero sulfur.

ABV: 11.7%

Case Production: 125 cases

Bottling Date: May 2019

Release Date: January 2020