



MARIETTA

2016 GIBSON BLOCK

ESTATE GROWN SYRAH
MCDOWELL VALLEY

AGING

18 months in neutral barrels

ALCOHOL BY VOLUME

15.1%

PRODUCTION

650 cases

RELEASE DATE

Fall 2019

SUGGESTED DRINKING WINDOW

Drink now or age up to fifteen years



HARVEST NOTES

The 2016 growing season was moderate and even across the North Coast, allowing for extended hang-time, ideal ripeness, deep color, and excellent balance. A near twin to 2015, with the bonus of a larger crop, 2016 was the epitome of California winegrowing.

TASTING NOTES

The Gibson Block is the heart of the McDowell Valley AVA. It is planted with some of the oldest Syrah and Grenache in California. This ancient, dry farmed mixed block next to the original Gibson Homestead has been producing grapes for over a hundred years. Reflecting the hidden property where it is grown, this Syrah is quiet, obscure and profound. Limited in production due to the unique grape source, this wine is built to enjoy with food and will age at least a decade, only increasing in subtleness and complexity.

SINGLE ESTATE SERIES

Our Single Estate Series represents our purest expressions of place. Having worked with the fruit from tens of vineyards over the years, we have identified three special sites that we believe create extraordinary wine. Produced in limited quantities, these wines have ultra-developed acid and tannin profiles and achieve a beautiful balance of intense structure and bright aromatics.

95 points

The 2016 Syrah Estate Gibson Block is the star of this range from Marietta. From a dry-farmed site planted in the 1880s, the Gibson Block is powerful, sumptuous and racy to the core. A whole range of complementary varieties give the Gibson Block striking inner perfume and lift to play off the intense dark fruit, while silky tannins add to the wine's racy, inviting personality.

— Antonio Galloni, *Vinous*,
Spring 2019