

Domaine de la Terre Rouge

TERRE ROUGE® AND EASTON WINES



TERRE ROUGE®
SIERRA FOOTHILLS

SYRAH

HIGH SLOPES

PRODUCED & BOTTLED BY DOMAINE DE LA TERRE ROUGE
PLYMOUTH, CALIFORNIA.

2017 Terre Rouge Syrah “High Slopes”, Sierra Foothills

This wine is made from two of our higher elevation Syrah sites. We thought that they expressed the racy aromatics of the Syrah grape that reminded us of Côte Rotie. We are bottling these two sites together as a special treat for those that appreciate the finesse that Syrah can achieve. The 2017 vintage yielded rich, profound and opulent wines. Two of these higher elevation vineyard sites are over 3,000 feet where it generally stays moderate and cooler in the summer, as in 2016. One site has soil that is granitic in origin and one site has soil that is volcanic in origin. These sites are geographically across the Mokelumne River Canyon from one another. They ripened about a week later than normal in 2017 (September 22nd & October 9th) with an average sized crop of about 2.5 tons per acre. Every year, these vineyards are mature at lower sugar levels. These up-slope lots have a lot of finesse and express the wonderful meaty, white pepper nuances of Syrah, while still retaining some of the smoky, spicy qualities of the grape. We harvest by hand. Our artisan cellar techniques include fermentation in small lots, native and special yeast strains, manual-punch downs, gentle transfers and pressing, and barrel aging for 20 months in French oak (33% new), prior to bottling the wine unfiltered.

14.5 % alcohol by vol.; 3.85 pH; 6.3 gm./liter total acidity.

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