

# STOLPMAN

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## HILLTOPS SYRAH 2019

### TECH

#### VINEYARD COMPONENTS

A selection from High density Hilltops Block "B" including Alban, Peaberry, and Clone 470

#### VARIETAL BLEND

100% Syrah

#### VINIFICATION

30% whole cluster, no sulfur through primary  
+ secondary fermentation

#### FINAL ANALYSIS

alcohol : 14.1%

#### VATTING/FERMENTATION

Native Fermentation in open top Concrete  
tanks for 21 days

#### COOPERAGES & ELEVAGE

Neutral 500L French Ermitage Puncheons  
from the Vache Forest

#### RELEASE DATE

March 2022

#### HARVEST DATE

September 26, 2019

#### TOTAL PRODUCTION

490 cases

### BACKGROUND

We first vineyard designated this cuvee from the modern-day Hilltops block in 2008, only 4 years after replanting the Estate's center ridge to a variety of our favorite Syrah strains and clones. Since then, we have refined the Hilltops cuvee into a tight selection of our favorite micro-blocks within the greater hilltop.

Prior to 2008, the Hilltops wine came from a barrel selection of Syrah from all three ridges on the vineyard. Those grapes are now blended into the main Estate Grown Syrah cuvee.

### VINTAGE

2019 marked the second vintage in a row without harvest-time heat spikes. Facial Expressions around the team conveyed our shared thoughts and feelings without saying a word – a certain giddiness that we had a shot at replaying 2018 armed with that year of heat-free experience. And, the acids were hanging even higher and fresher than 2018. The Tell of the vintage is extremely energetic, high-toned red wine that will age well over a decade.

### SENSORY

Opaque tarry dark fruit kissed with lavender and backed with sage and mint. Fine, feathery and elegant with a playful prettiness in its youth - but we can't wait to check in on the 2019 Hilltops in 3-5 years once unfurled.