



FOLDED HILLS



94 PTS  
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92 PTS  
WINE ENTHUSIAST

# 2018 AUGUST RED

## THE WINE

This Rhône Red blend honors family while celebrating a bright and bountiful season. Both my father and grandfather, August, inspired us to share the best of what we have with family and friends. The month of August is also a time of harvest when we gather to share the fruits of the land.

August Red is made from a selection of the finest Syrah and Grenache blocks in the Folded Hills vineyards, each meticulously farmed by grower Ruben Solorzano. Together, winemaker Angela Osborne and Ruben selected the optimum picking time for each site. After harvest, the fruit is carefully de-stemmed. In order to add another layer of spice and structure, a large portion of whole cluster is retained. All fermentation happens naturally with ambient yeast, and the fruit is foot-tread throughout fermentation. To preserve freshness and vibrancy, the wine is aged for 11 months in French oak barrels. We include just 2% new oak to enhance the texture and depth of the wine.

## TECHNICAL INFORMATION

VINTAGE:	2018
GRAPE VARIETIES:	58% Syrah, 42% Grenache
REGION:	Santa Ynez Valley
ALCOHOL:	13.6%
pH LEVEL:	3.54

## TASTING NOTES

With dusty, and spiced aromatics showcasing a mix of red and black fruits, the August Red picks up flavors of black tea, exotic perfumes, and smoke as it moves into the palate. With lightly tactile tannin and lingering acidity, this Syrah-Grenache blend offers plenty of flavor through a nimble frame.

## WINEMAKING

PROCESSING:	82% whole cluster, native fermentation
ÉLEVAGE:	11 months in neutral French barrique, 2% new

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In making Folded Hills wines, our goal is to respect the land, and through the wines, express its unique voice. With as little interference as possible, we let the grapes speak for themselves. We strive to craft beautiful wines with a focus on purity and use old-world practices in our certified organic vineyards. We consciously handcraft small-batch artisanal wines, using no commercial additives and the smallest amount of sulfur; just enough to preserve the wine. Folded Hills wines contain no residual sugar and use only native yeasts that occur naturally in the vineyard. It's all part of our promise to make wine in an honest, time-honored way.

## DETAILS

BOTTLING DATE:	September 3, 2019
RELEASE DATE:	December 3, 2020
SRP:	\$48

