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## 2016 AUGUST RED SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

The August Red is made from a selection of the finest Syrah and Grenache vineyards in the Santa Ynez Valley, including our own Folded Hills Estate. Each site is meticulously farmed by grower Ruben Solorzano. Winemaker, Angela Osborne selects 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 portion of whole cluster is retained. The vintage and vineyard guide the choice on whether or not to include whole cluster fermentation. Angela walks the site before harvest and chews on stems in the vineyard to check their health and flavor for that year. All fermentation happens naturally with ambient yeast, and the fruit is foot-tread until fermentation is complete. To preserve freshness and vibrancy, the wine is aged for 11 months in French oak barrels. We include just 9% new oak to enhance the texture and depth of the wine.

**VINEYARD:** 30% Folded Hills Vineyard Syrah, 26% Alisos Vineyard Syrah 13% Stolpman Vineyard Syrah, 22% Stolpman Vineyard Grenache, 9% Kimsey Vineyard Grenache

**VARIETIES:** 69% Syrah, 31% Grenache

**AVA:** Santa Ynez Valley

**ALCOHOL:** 13.7%

**pH:** 3.77

**WINEMAKING:** 39% whole cluster, 9% new French oak (Sirugue)

**ÉLEVAGE:** 11 months in French barrique, 25% new

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**RELEASE DATE:** September 2018

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