



2016 PROPRIETARY RED WINE

# ERUPTION

VOLCANO RIDGE VINEYARD - HIGH VALLEY APPELLATION

## VINEYARDS

Adjacent to an ancient volcanic cinder cone and nestled into the eastern edge of High Valley our Volcano Ridge Vineyard features steep slopes and bright red soils. Originally planted in 2003 and 2004, the vineyard totaling 85 acres and planted to Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah, Malbec, Petite Sirah, Mourvedre, Grenache, and Zinfandel. The vineyard ranges from 1,900 to 2,200 ft. in elevation. The volcanic sands and tephra (small, fused sand pebbles) of the Konocti Series make for excellent drainage. Vines struggle in these soils. The intensity of that struggle is reflected in the layers of complexity and structure of the resulting wines.

## WINEMAKING

Creating wines with both style and finesse through the use of traditional handcrafted techniques is the focus of our winemaking team. The components of Eruption are cared for separately in small lots fermented using native yeast. The wines are then aged in French and American oak barrels (30% New) for 8-10 months before being blended and bottled without filtration.

## TASTING NOTES

Blended from grapes grown on the side of a volcanic cinder cone, this wine is packed with terroir driven fruit and structure. A spicy nose is balanced with intense flavors of plum, raspberry, blackberry, black currant, and anise. Dark raisins dusted with black pepper fill the core of this full-bodied and soft, lush wine. Amazing on its own or with grilled meats and soft cheeses.

**BOTTLING DATES:** August 27, 2018

**TA:** 6.1 g/L

**pH:** 3.75

**ALCOHOL:** 14.8%

## FRUIT:

The 2016 Eruption is a blend of 40% Petite Sirah, 21% Syrah, 12% Malbec, 11% Mourvedre, 11% Grenache, 5% Zinfandel