

# VILLA CREEK



## 2016 *High Road*

BLEND 60% Syrah, 20% Grenache,  
20% Mourvèdre

HARVEST September 22 - October 14, 2016

BOTTLED August 3rd, 2018

VINEYARDS JAMES BERRY  
farming/soil Organic, not certified/thin layer of top-soil over limestone seabed

### 2016 VINTAGE

Ample winter rain was not enough to reach average numbers or bring us out of the 5 year drought. A cold winter was followed by a warm February. Bud break was a bit early and a late frost led to some frost in our lower blocks. Summer was consistently warm as was the very end of the growing season. Conditions were almost optimal for a ripe round vintage.

### VINIFICATION

The 2016 High Road was co-fermented in 3 lots of which 45% was whole cluster. After careful hand sorting, the grapes went through 3 - 5 days of maceration followed by spontaneous fermentation. They then spent 21 - 30 days on skins before being basket pressed.

### TASTING NOTES

James Berry Vineyard is a shining star in the west hills of Paso Robles and we are among the fortunate few to have an allocation of grapes off this world renowned estate. People often take a sip of High Road and say "this tastes like James Berry Vineyard". As winemakers, that is the ultimate compliment. It says we have succeeded in our mission to represent the place. A swirl of the glass reveals a perfumed bouquet that is more a gentle caress than a slap on the cheek. The palate is graceful and a little bit edgy with layers of cassis, tobacco, mint. A dusting of white pepper mingles with the seamless tannins. Give this one a year to relax and this sensual elixir will keep giving for years. Drink 2019-2029.

### REVIEWS

Not yet reviewed.