



2015 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

Peppery flavors of blackberry, plum, and violet lead to an inky smooth mouth-filling palate of vanilla and cedar. Rich, sweet fruit provides a contrast to this wine's sizable grip and tannin structure. Excellent on its own or perfect with grilled meats and barbecue. Currently accessible, but age-worthy for at least a decade.

**BOTTLING DATES:** March 14, 2017

**TA:** 5.8 g/L

**pH:** 3.92

**ALCOHOL:** 14.8%

## FRUIT:

The 2015 Eruption is a blend of 38% Petite Sirah, 27% Syrah, 14% Malbec, 9% Grenache, 5% Mourvedre, 5% Zinfandel, 2% Viognier