



BALLETTO®

2015 SYRAH

Russian River Valley

Estate Grown • Estate Bottled



Syrah from our BCD Vineyard is such a treat. It has the structure and savory aromatics of cool-climate Syrah along with the dark fruit and weight found in warmer climates. With just enough of each, the wine shows balance, seriousness and the potential to age well.

The wine opens with smoked and meaty aromas and spice. Then there's the tart blackberry foundation that holds the wine together throughout. It's has a medium viscosity and finishes with wide and smooth tannins that lengthen the finish. The balance is spot on, and it will improve during the next five (or more) years in the bottle.

Our Russian River Valley Syrah is grown exclusively on our BCD Vineyard. This 15-year-old vineyard is gorgeously rolling with gentle hills and a fine mixture of sandy soils from the coastal range and loamy soils from the nearby plains. A nice combination in perfect proportions. This allows the Syrah to slowly ripen in this cool site. It's the last pick most every year.

Balletto Vineyards makes all of its wine from sustainably-farmed estate vineyards located throughout the cool southern third of the Russian River Valley. It is one of the few Russian River wineries to be 100 percent estate grown and estate bottled, and specializes in vineyard-designated Pinot Noir and Chardonnay, which are consistently elegant, balanced and delicious.

Technical Information

Alcohol: 13.9%

pH: 3.81

TA: 5.6 g/L

Oak Treatment: 100% French (38% new)

Case Production: 565 cases + 6 x 1.5 L bottles + 2 x 3L bottles & 1 x 5L bottle

Winemaking Philosophy: We grow and harvest our Syrah to showcase the uniqueness of our estate vineyard. Once fermentation begins, the must is gently pumped over in the mornings and punched down in the evenings to maximize skin and juice contact. The finished Syrah is inherently tannic so we age it in French oak barrels for 22 months to help tame the mouthfeel. The result is serious Syrah with structure and finesse.