

VILLA CREEK



Luna Matta Vineyard, 2015

BLEND 70% Mourvèdre, 30% Syrah

HARVEST September-November 2015

BOTTLED April 2017

VINEYARDS Luna Matta: certified organic/clay loam over
farming/soil lime stone

THE 2015 VINTAGE

Nearly 5 inches of rain in a warm December 2014 led to a cooler spring. A consistent pattern of rain threats through April sadly did not pan out. Cloud cover and cool temperatures helped preserve the little bit of rain we received earlier in the season. These drought conditions combined with damaging spring frost and a cool windy spring led to much lower yields throughout the state. These same conditions however produced some intense and developed wines. The spectacular though limited 2015 vintage will be in high demand.

VINIFICATION

After a careful hand sort the grapes were placed in tank. Fermentation followed normal Villa Creek protocol: anaerobic (dry ice) cold soak followed by 100% native yeast fermentation with daily delestage and foot treading along with gentle pump overs when needed. We have had the pleasure to work with Luna Matta since 2009. The wine is 50% whole cluster and aged in 40% new French barriques and puncheons for 18 months.

TASTING NOTES

This is the second time we have bottled this wine. The first bottling was in 2013 where Mourvèdre played the leading role. That wine is still a baby and should stay tucked in your cellar. In the meantime the 2015 is here to provide you pleasure now. This is an explosive wine in the glass that is characterized by depth and intoxicating aromatics. Black fruits, Moroccan spices and candied flowers are woven together to create a seamless generous palate. Rich and focused Luna Matta is going to age well in your cellar but who wants to wait... This wine is DELISH! 2017-2027

REVIEW

"Youthful purple. Primary black and blue fruit, potpourri, Indian spices and licorice qualities on the explosively perfumed nose. A mineral flourish emerges with air, adding urgency and lift. Sweet, deeply concentrated and surprisingly lively for its left, offering sappy black currant, cherry cola and spicecake flavors that spread out steadily with aeration. Picks up a smoky nuance on the strikingly long finish, which shows excellent clarity and chewy, building tannins that contribute shape and grip."

95 pts - Josh Reynolds