



MARIETTA

2015 GIBSON BLOCK

ESTATE GROWN SYRAH
MCDOWELL VALLEY

AGING

18 months in neutral barrels

ALCOHOL BY VOLUME

15.3%

PRODUCTION

700 cases

RELEASE DATE

Spring 2018

SUGGESTED DRINKING WINDOW

Drink now or age up to fifteen years

HARVEST NOTES

This unique site holds some of our latest ripening vines. In 2015 we saw a long, cool growing season which allowed us to harvest this extraordinary fruit at full maturity after the fruit saw only one light rain, and prior to the mid-October storms. Picking the grapes at Gibson Block is the moment when the entire team starts to relax and feel the end of Harvest and winter right around the corner.

TASTING NOTES

The Gibson Block is the heart of the McDowell Valley AVA. It is planted with some of the oldest Syrah and Grenache in California. This ancient, dry farmed mixed block next to the original Gibson Homestead has been producing grapes for over a hundred years. Reflecting the hidden property where it is grown, this Syrah is quiet, obscure and profound. Limited in production due to the unique grape source, this wine is built to enjoy with food and will age at least a decade, only increasing in subtleness and complexity.

SINGLE ESTATE SERIES

Our Single Estate Series represents our purest expressions of place. Having worked with the fruit from tens of vineyards over the years, we have identified three special sites that we believe create extraordinary wine. Produced in limited quantities, these wines have ultra-developed acid and tannin profiles and achieve a beautiful balance of intense structure and bright aromatics.

93 points

The 2015 Syrah Gibson Block is a field blend (it's 90% Syrah) that was all destemmed and brought up in neutral barrels. Blackberries, melted licorice, asphalt, and dry aged beef notes all emerge from this ripe, downright voluptuous beauty. It's a big, sexy beast, but still has class, integrated acidity, and superb purity of fruit. It's one hell of a drink.

— Jeb Dunnuck, June 2018