Argot Posted Syrah Sonoma Mountain

Argot Wines

United States - California - Sonoma County

No Syrah terroir in Sonoma County compares with Sonoma Mountain's northwest crown—cool fog-affected mornings, sun-bathed afternoons, cooled by persistent coastal breezes, and temperate evenings. The soils in Steiner's Syrah blocks — ashy and moondust-like, littered with decomposing sea bed — further contribute to the unique nature of this site.

After a 3-vintage hiatus, I am thrilled to be back working with Steiner Vineyard's Syrah. By its nature, this slow-to-ripen, cool-climate site produces fabulously deep, intense, structured wines. Now, raising a big, brawny Syrah is no rare act of alchemy. It is the wonder of Steiner's terroir — a magical elegance and beauty, informing the inherent power, depth and intensity — that makes this bottling so special. 2016 produced a classic wine that deftly balances massive flavors and texture, while retaining vital freshness, and a palpable sense of cool. Production was low, so get it while you can. Simply a "WOW" wine, not to be missed.

Specifications

Appellation	Sonoma County
Varietals	100% Syrah
Agricultural Practices	Sustainable
Vinification	Early morning harvest by hand, cluster and berry sorted, destemmed and crushed. 5-day cold soaks, followed by 14 day native fermentation in open-top bins.Aged 20 months, French oak, 100% new, mixture of 300L hogsheads and barrique shapes. Never racked prior to bottling. Bottled unfined, unfiltered.
Production	140 9-liter cases (9-liter cases)

