



FLANAGAN

2016 SYRAH



APPELLATION Bennett Valley

HARVEST DATE September 24 - October 4, 2016

pH 3.86

TA 5.6

ALCOHOL 15.5%

CASES PRODUCED 352

BARREL REGIME 15% new French Oak with Atelier Centre France barrels used

RELEASE DATE September 1, 2018

PRODUCTION NOTES

The 2016 Vintage provided a modest crop of excellent fruit. The 2016 vintage was characterized by a cooler growing season than 2015 so the wines in 2016 are, in general, more focused. The cooler temperatures in 2016 meant grapes tended to ripen at lower Brix levels and lower pHs than they did in 2015.

TASTING NOTES

The 2016 Flanagan Syrah Bennett Valley opens with notes of white pepper, cherry blossom, and Bay Leaf. The palate has ripe black fruit, bacon fat, and Herbs de Provence with a surprising amount of tannin structure for New World Syrah. The wine is ripe and generous and retains great acids. The small berries produced from the steep, volcanic hillside site gives the wine great color and concentration.

This is a wine that can stand proudly with top Syrah from around the world.