

2018

**SYRAH** 

"NOCTURNE"

PASO ROBLES, CALIFORNIA

## **TASTING NOTES**

This wine is deep and dark with purple (almost black) hues. Extraordinary in its massive bouquet of flavors including blackberry, ripe blueberry, plum, cassis, leather, and vanilla. Full bodied and luscious in the mouth with balanced structure.

WINEMAKER Rich Hartenberger

VARIETAL COMPOSITION 100% Syrah

COOPERAGE 100% French oak

BARREL AGING 30 months

**pH/TA** 3.70/0.55

**RESIDUAL SUGAR** 0.20%

**ABV** 14.9%

**PRODUCTION** 125 cases

## **VINTAGE NOTES**

The 2018 vintage saw an almost ideal balance of vine health and stress, as is often the case with the first dry year after a very wet one. The rain came late, delaying the onset of budbreak and the beginning of the growing season. The cool weather continued most of the year, punctuated by a six-week heat wave in July and early August. Temperatures moderated before picking began and harvest proceeded under slightly cooler than normal conditions, producing fruit with intense flavors and balanced acidity.

