

Domaine de la Terre Rouge

TERRE ROUGE® AND EASTON WINES



TERRE ROUGE®
FIDDLETOWN

SYRAH
DTR RANCH

PRODUCED & BOTTLED BY DOMAINE DE LA TERRE ROUGE
PLYMOUTH, CALIFORNIA. ALC. 14.5% BY VOL.

2017 Terre Rouge Syrah “DTR Ranch”, Fiddletown

DTR Ranch Syrah is made from grapes planted at our home ranch in 1999. This is the twelfth single-site bottling of Syrah from this vineyard. It is our coolest Syrah site and it is located on the steep slopes of the Fiddletown appellation. Most of these vines are grown without rootstock. We farm these slate, schist, and quartz-laden soils in a holistic and sustainable manner using annual cover-crops and occasional compost to amend the soil. Barn owls keep the rodents in check, in-row cultivation helps manage unwanted under-vine weeds, organic sulphur is used as a fungicide, and the fine tuning includes lots of hand labor. As are all of our Syrahs, the wine is made in a traditional artisan manner. This Syrah is a true reflection of the place the vines live - the cool Fiddletown Canyon bowl that runs along side the North Fork of Dry Creek. We hand-picked three separate times in 2017, on October 13th, 14th, and 17th to harvest at optimum quality and ripeness. Our yield in 2017 was about 2.75 tons per acre.

Fermentation took place in small vats with hand punch-downs. After 10-12 days the must, now wine, was gravity fed to the press, pressed, settled overnight, and racked to French oak cooperage (25% new) to age for 23 months.

The wine has delicious and savory Syrah fruit characteristics, great transparency and purity, with a compelling mineral focus from the vineyard site. It drinks well now, but should gain in character and complexity over the next several years.

14.5 % alcohol by vol.; 3.85 pH; 6.5 gm./liter total acidity

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