

2015 Connell Vineyard Syrah

Harvest date: 10-20-15

Fermentation: 100% whole cluster

Aging: 15 months in 100% used French oak

Bottling date: 2-1-17

Alcohol: 14.3%

This is Sandler's 8th Connell Vineyard Syrah, the most wines from any single vineyard Sandler has produced. 2015 was the earliest harvest on record for all of the Pinot Noir, Chardonnay and Grenache that we produce. However, for the very cool Connell Vineyard in the Bennett Valley, the 2015 came in during its typical time in late October. It was a smaller than normal crop, mostly due to the fourth year of drought conditions.

With its intriguing nose of black pepper, amaro and evergreen leaves, the 2015 Connell Syrah is one of the most unique Syrahs you'll ever try. The palate is tight and youthful, and should age exceptionally well. The anticipated maturity is between 2019 and 2030.

