

Matetic EQ 'Cool Climate' Syrah

"Press Highlights"

2016

• 94 - WINE ADVOCATE, August 31, 2021

"The superb 2016 EQ Cool Climate Syrah has pungent aromas of smoky bacon and olives. It's herbal but ripe with very integrated oak and lots of inner strength and energy. It's medium-bodied and has abundant tannins and I believe the potential to develop further in the bottle."

2015

• **93** – **WINE ADVOCATE**, *February* 28, 2020

"The 2015 EQ Syrah, a cool-climate Syrah from vines on red granite soils, fermented in open vats with indigenous yeasts and matured in 225-liter French oak barrels for 18 months. 2015 was a ripe and powerful year, and the wines show it. The fruit is black rather than red, and it has notes of smoke and toast that blow off with time in the glass, taking off with lots of spices and a leathery touch. It was bottled in Dec. 2016, as they also want to keep the wine in bottle for at least a year before it's released."

2014

• 94 – JAMES SUCKLING, December 5, 2019

"An intensely spiced nose to this red, where cloves, earth, tobacco and cedar intermingle with brambleberries, underbrush and nutmeg. Very structured on the palate, which shows a hearty core of dark fruit, supported by sturdy tannins."

• 93 – WINE ADVOCATE, October 31, 2018

"They think cool-climate Syrah benefits from time in bottle, so they try to keep the 2014 EQ Syrah in bottle for at least one and a half years before selling it. They use grapes from three different granite-based soils, including volcanic tuff, which is quite unique in the region. A relatively cool year, 2014 was marked by a frost in the spring of 2013, which concentrated the fruit with lower yields and smaller bunches, and the wine fermented with some full clusters. It's a concentrated and pungent Syrah, with classical Northern Rhone notes of black olives, violets and smoky bacon along with grainy tannins and very tasty flavors."

• 93 'EDITOR'S CHOICE' – WINE ENTHUSIAST, August 2018

"Old World Syrah aromas of olive, animal hide and grilled beef power the nose of this primal wine. The palate is firm with tannic grip, tasting of black olive tapenade, beef jerky and briary black fruit. On the finish, complex notes of chocolate, spice and bacon make it even more interesting."

2013

- 94 JAMES SUCKLING, May 2016
- 93 WINE ADVOCATE, April 2017

2012

- 93 WINE & SPIRITS, February 2015
- 91 WINE ADVOCATE, December 30,2015
- 91 WINE SPECTATOR, Web Only 2018