



SYRAH

Matetic

San Antonio Valley

# Matetic Syrah

## “Press Highlights”

### 2017

- **94 – JAMES SUCKLING**, *June 3, 2021*

"Blackcurrants and blueberries with asphalt and earthy undertones. It's full-bodied with dusty tannins. Fleshy and round on the palate. Salty and slightly smoky on the finish. Shows a lot of wood right now. But already enjoyable. Drink or hold."

- **93 – WINE ADVOCATE**, *August 31, 2021*

"The eponymous 2017 Syrah was cropped from an unusual year and felt a bit closed at first and needed time to slowly open up the glass. The palate reveals a lot of tannins, which is quite unusual for this wine. It finishes with marked bitterness. A bit of a question mark."

### 2015

- **94 – WINE ADVOCATE**, *Feb. 28, 2020*

"I tasted two vintages of their eponymous and flagship Syrah, so I was able to compare the 2015 Syrah to the previous 2014 vintage. 2015 was a warm and dry year, and it resulted in a rounder and softer palate. But don't get me wrong, this is a serious Syrah with good freshness and balance, darker fruit, sweeter tannins and softer spiciness. This is a more approachable and juicier version of their top bottling. It's already polished and ready but should keep nicely in bottle."

### 2014

- **95 – WINE ADVOCATE**, *Feb. 28, 2020*

"2014 was marked by frost that resulted in low yields and small bunches. The eponymous 2014 Syrah – the top of their range and the variety that made them famous – fermented in open vats with some full clusters and a soft extraction followed by malolactic in barrel where the wine matured for 18 to 20 months. This wine is always kept in bottle for two or three years before it's sold. It's very different from the 2015, which I tasted next to it. It has more notes of olives and spices and has an herbal side along with notes of the smoky Chilean spice mix called merken. It has grainy tannins and is a little wilder and perhaps more rustic than the more polished 2015. It's lively and has very good freshness, with all the components for a positive development in bottle. This follows the line of the 2013."

- **94 – JAMES SUCKLING**, *March 2018*

"A dense and intense syrah with blackberries, black truffle, hot stone and dark berries. Full body, layered and gorgeous. Serious. Drink now or hold."

### 2013

- **95 – WINE ADVOCATE**, *Oct. 31, 2018*

"Their flagship 2013 Syrah is selected from small parts of the vineyard that have almost pure granite and deliver more subtle tannins that are round and harmonious, without any edges but with grip... It feels extremely young, and the sample from magnum is even tighter, evolving at a very slow pace, but the nose is developed, with classical cool-climate Syrah aromas."

- **93 – JAMES SUCKLING**, *May 29, 2017*