

SINISTER HAND



The Story

Long ago, during the 17th century, the O'Neills and O'Reillys were two revolutionary Irish families. They formed a rowing competition to reserve rights to some highly regarded land. The two rowing teams agreed that the first to touch the land, after rowing across the lake, would become ruler of the land. O'Neill's boat was falling behind so a member of the crew grabbed his own sword, cut off his hand and threw it ashore, winning the title to rule the land. This land still remains in the family.

ABOUT THE 2016

A record-breaking hot vintage led to an early harvest in some of the vineyards in which we source our fruit for the Sinister Hand. Our estate syrah from Outlook Vineyard came in as early as August 27th! We were excited about the heat and monitored the vineyards closely for optimal sugar levels and ripeness, finishing up harvest around the 3rd week of September. With these varying ripening dates, we found layers of complexity within each block. The heat rendered beautiful aromas of black pepper, clove and juniper with juicy hints of dried strawberry, pie cherries and fig. Flavors of chocolate, green peppercorn and boysenberry are delicious on the palate, resulting in a full-bodied, mouthcoating Rhone-styled blend.

VINIFICATION

63% Grenache, 16% Syrah, 16% Mourvedre, 5% Cinsaut
14.1% alcohol

