

LONGBOARD

Vineyards

2018

Syrah

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

Savage C^oast



Longboard Vineyards was born out of a passion for cool-climate Syrah. From a humble beginning of eighty cases in 1998, I now produce four single-vineyards Syrah wines and two blends.

This wine was born from a mistake; on a busy day during the 2013 harvest a few bins got placed in the wrong order and “voila” instead of fermenting the Dakine Vineyard Syrah separately from the Goosechase Vineyard Syrah, they were crushed into the same tank. Needless to say, I was not a happy little winemaker that day... but by the spring of 2014 it was already clear to me that something magnificent was brewing in those barrels. As soon as the malolactic fermentation completed, the wine started to show tremendous depth of character, a great acid balance and just a tiny bit of a SAVAGE edge, something I cherish in Syrah.

At times, I can swear I taste a bit of the serpentine rock from the Goosechase location peeking over the bit of wild fennel nuance from Dakine vineyard. This type of complexity excites me for it speaks to the promise of things to come as the wine ages and the intense fruit character diminishes. We now make four barrels of this wine every year, an ode to a magnificent “faux pas”.

This wine is bottled without any fining or filtration and will age gracefully for many years to come if stored properly (a tiny bit of sediment is normal when aged).

Composition: 95 % Syrah,
2% Grenache, 1% Petit-
Sirah, 1% Carignan, 0.5% Malbec,
0.5% Zinfandel.

Appellation: Russian River Valley

Ageing: 23 months in French Oak
barrels, 50% New

Analysis: Alcohol 14.5 %
TA 6.54 g/L pH 3.69

Production: 110 Cases

Cheers,

Oded Shakked - Owner & Winegrower