

# LONGBOARD

*Vineyards*

## SYRAH LEDBETTER VINEYARD RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY TWENTY 19

### WINE STORY

For many years, we simply called this vineyard "Preston Ranch" for the site was the previous home of the Preston Dairy. Grapes from this vineyard made Longboard's inaugural wine, the 1998 Russian River Valley Syrah, and continue to be part of our Russian River Valley Syrah blend. We selected five barrels of this lot to age an additional six months and bottled them unfinned and unfiltered so that the true character of this hillside vineyard can integrate well and shine through.

### WINEMAKING

The reddish volcanic soil of this vineyard combines with a climatic pattern of warm days and cool nights to consistently produce a classic Syrah that delivers a great core of fruit flavors and aromas held together by mellow tannins and a lively natural acidity. We harvest the grapes at night and deliver them cool to the winery at first light. We cold-soak the must for three days and allow it to slowly warm up to fermentation temperature. This wine ferments uninoculated, letting the resident yeasts in the vineyard and winery take over. The barrels are racked once in the spring after harvest and then racked again before bottling.

### ENJOYMENT

The 2019 Ledbetter Syrah delivers strata of plum and blackberry aromas and flavors with a slightly spicy note that we sometime describe as "white pepper". The acidity, tannin structure and fruitiness are counter-balanced to finish with a long after taste with just a hint of smoked meat character. This wine will age gracefully in the following years and we recommend keeping a bottle or two in your cellar to develop further.

### DETAILS

**Varietal:** 100% Syrah

**Vineyards:** Ledbetter Family Vineyard

**AVA:** Russian River Valley, Sonoma County

**pH:** 3.82

**TA:** 5.45 g/L

**Alcohol:** 14.5%

