

2016
JL Larner Syrah

VITICULTURE:

Apellation: Ballard Canyon* AVA (between Sta. Rita Hills and Happy Canyon AVAs)
Varietal: Syrah
Clone: Larner clone 3
Vineyards: Larner vineyard, a 35 acre vineyard established in 1995 with the first vines planted in 1998 and first wines in 2009.

WINEMAKING:

Time in Oak: 20 mos, Francois Freres French oak, 25% new
Fining: No fining or filtering
Alcohol: 14.2%
Cases produced: 200
Winemaker: Jenne Lee Bonaccorsi

NOTES:

Dark red/black hue, opaque, with deep pink rim. Wants to open up on the nose, showing earthy black pepper, cured meats and black raspberry. Firm, spicy and full in the mouth, with intensely concentrated raspberry, crème de cassis, blackberries, apricot and dried, sweet green herbs. Finishes with obvious structure and grip and green chili spiciness. Decant and enjoy this holiday season with a big piece of meat, or pop it in the cellar.

*The Larner vineyard, formerly Santa Ynez AVA, now falls within the new Ballard Canyon AVA, established October 30, 2013