

B A I L E Y A N A

# S-BAR

2015 SYRAH



## VINEYARD HISTORY

Jack Niven pioneered winegrape planting with Paragon Vineyard in the Edna Valley in 1973. Not the bystander type, his wife Catharine soon after began a project that grew into what is now Baileyana Winery. In the mid 1990s, their two sons, James and John, purchased property next door, and expanded Paragon Vineyard. They designed and planted these new blocks with select clones, varieties and rootstocks specific to the site. They named this section Firepeak, in homage of the extinct volcanoes in the area, and the resulting volcanic soils.

## THE EDNA VALLEY

The coolest growing region in all of California, as cited in a study by Southern Oregon University, the Edna Valley is a mere 5.4 miles from the Pacific Ocean. Consequently, the extended growing season allows grapes grown here to develop intense and complex varietal flavors, while achieving optimum maturity levels. Known as the "Dirt of the Devil," the soils in the northern portion of the valley are also unique. As Islay Hill is the most southern sibling in a chain of extinct volcanoes known as the Seven Sisters, volcanic remnants are combined with clay loam and rocky marine sediment, offering a distinct mix of nutrients and good drainage.

## TASTING NOTES

"This is a cool climate Syrah, deep and concentrated. It is richly layered with white pepper, blueberry, mocha and raspberry notes. Crème brulee and spice characteristics are prevalent with rich, earthy undertones."

## STATS

**APPELLATION:** Edna Valley

**VINEYARD SOURCE:** A micro selection of our very best Firepeak blocks and rows

**VINEYARD CERTIFICATION:** SIP Certified Sustainable

**SOILS:** Diablo series, clay loam, rocky marine sediment, volcanic remnants

**CLONES:** Graff

**HARVEST DATES:** September 28, 2015 and October 8, 2015

**AVERAGE BRIX:** 24.7

**YEAST:** SYR

**FERMENTATION:** Open top fermentation for 22 days at 82°F

**BARREL REGIME:** 45% new French oak

**AGING:** Aged for 18 months

**BOTTLING DATES:** June 22, 2017

**ALCOHOL:** 14.5%

**TA:** 6.66 g/l

**PH:** 3.7

**CASES PRODUCED:** 169 cases

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