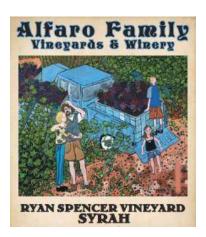
# 2016 Ryan Spencer Vineyard Estate Syrah



## The Vineyard:

Ryan Spencer Vineyard, named after the Alfaro's son, was planted in 2001. It is comprised of seven acres broken into different blocks on a very steep hill between 450 and 800 feet in elevation. La Escalera is a terraced hillside block planted to Hermitage clones of Syrah. On the top of the hill is Mrs. K's block; half of the block is planted to Syrah clones 470, 877 and 174, and the other half is planted to the heirloom Pinot Noir clones Swan, Mt. Eden, Martini and Pommard. The vine is density over 2300 vines per acre and the soil type is sandy loam.

#### The Wine:

The nose is full of wildflowers, spices, mixed berries, and subtle espresso bean notes, leading to a lush palate of blackberry, dark plum, and cherry liqueur.

### **Technical Data:**

Production	73 cases	Release Date	Summer 2019
Alcohol	14 % by vol.	Aging	12 months in 66% new French oak
<b>Bottle Sizes</b>	750 ml	Suggested Retail	\$35

# **Suggested Food Pairings:**

This wine pairs well with grilled meats or vegetables, wild game, richly flavored red meats, beef stew, duck, barbecued chicken and hard cheeses like Gouda.

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