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**Drew Family Winery**  
**Syrah "Valenti Ranch" 2014**  
**Mendocino, California**

**94 Points**

The 2014 Syrah Valenti Vineyard is incisive, powerful and expressive yet also light on its feet. The Valenti is nicely translucent and lifted, with floral and savory notes that seem to float above an energetic, vibrant core of fruit. Hints of game, smoke, mint, black pepper and herbs add the closing shades of nuance.

Jason Drew made some of the most distinctive, pure 2014 Pinots and Syrahs I tasted on my January trip. Drew's wines capture the essence of a number of top sites in Anderson Valley, where he is based, and in the nearby Mendocino Ridge appellation. The wines are deceptively medium in body in that they have the ability to convey notable depth and intensity, but without excess weight. I can't recommend these 2014s highly enough. (AG)