

Wine & Spirits

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Drew Family Wines

2016 Mendocino Ridge Syrah Perli Vineyard

Mendocino, California

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Score: 93 Points

Perli is 12 miles from the coast, a high ridge rising to 2,200 feet, the vines facing northeast. The plant material is different here than at Valenti, where Drew also sources great syrah (recommended here, as well): half of Drew's Valenti is Chave selection, while half of his Perli is a selection from McDowell Valley Vineyard by Steve Alden. While Drew's Valenti seduces with its aroma, his Perli is all about texture, meaty, almost beefy in its richness. This packs savory black cherry and blackberry into its powerful flavors, lasting, graceful and clean.

