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Drew Family Wines

2016 Mendocino Ridge “The Ornbaun” Syrah

Mendocino, California

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Score: 92 Points

Jason Drew focuses this blend on syrah (84 percent), including small amounts of grenache, mourvedre and viognier; he ferments it with 50 percent whole clusters and ages it in neutral oak. The spiciness of the stems comes first, adding to the meatiness and black-olive flavors; then, as the wine opens, it yields juicy notes of dark fruit and refreshing, foresty scents of conifers and violets. It’s a dark and vibrant wine from California’s coastal hills.

