



2022 / RIVER ROCK (LE MANI) VINEYARD / THE ROCKS DISTRICT

Syrah

BLOCK SIX

Dark-fruited, savory, composed.

A single-block Syrah from River Rock Vineyard, now Le Mani, fermented whole cluster and raised slowly on its lees.

THE SITE

River Rock Vineyard, now Le Mani, was planted on its own roots in 2001 within the ancient alluvial fan of The Rocks District. Deep basalt cobbles absorb and radiate heat throughout the growing season. Block Six gives a dark-fruited, savory expression of Syrah, with the saline, stony character associated with the district.

THE CELLAR

Harvested by hand and lightly sorted in the vineyard, the fruit was placed into a single fermenter as 100% whole clusters. Native fermentation proceeded slowly, and the wine remained on skins for 45 days before pressing. It was transferred to tight-grain French oak, 67% new, where native malolactic fermentation completed. The wine remained undisturbed on its gross lees for 30 months before being bottled unfined and unfiltered in April 2025.

THE WINE

Blackberry and black plum form the fruit core, with black olive, cured meat, violet and charcoal layered around them. At first, a fine reductive character gives the wine a savory edge. With air, the fruit becomes clearer and more generous, joined by graphite, iron and a faint note of orange peel. The palate is dense and supple, with fine tannins, freshness and a saline mineral line through the finish.



PRODUCTION	72 CASES
VARIETY	100% SYRAH
HARVEST	October 18, 2022
VESSEL	French oak 67% new
ELEVAGE	30 months, gross lees
BOTTLED	April 2025 Unfined and Unfiltered