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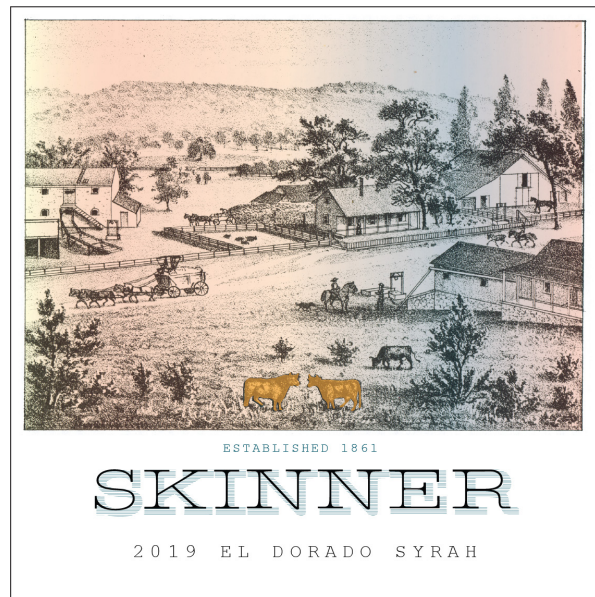
2019 EL DORADO SYRAH

## THE WINE

Syrah has to be one of life's greatest joys, and few places on planet Earth are as ideally suited for Syrah as El Dorado County. Syrah absolutely thrives here with our steep, mountainous slopes and granitic soils partnered with our dry, warm climate and temperate, breezy evenings. All combined we're gifted with versatile material for us to explore the spectrum of its personalities, and allowing us to make something complex and downright otherworldly.

## WINEMAKER NOTES

We employ significant amounts of whole cluster coupled with the inclusion of a small amount of whole-cluster Viognier in our fermentations. The result is fiercely aromatic and encourages deeper color and extremely round palate presence. We handle our native fermentations with the remontage technique; gentler on the berries, but aggressively more aerobic for the juice, encouraging high CO2 production which both protects and bolsters our aromatic profile. All to produce Syrah that is true to varietal, and sings the praises of our beloved terroir.



## TASTING NOTES

The cooler 2019 vintage brought out the best in our Syrah. Opening up the senses with aromatics of spiced plum, wet forest floor and lavender, this is a wine that compelling from the gate. Finely balanced across the palate with black cherry, rare wagyu beef, toasted bread and blueberry compote. Tannins are broad-shouldered, balanced with a wild, satisfying acidity.

## SUMMARY

### VINTAGE

2019

### APPELLATION

El Dorado

### COMPOSITION

100% Syrah

### ALCOHOL BY VOLUME

13.5%

### CASES PRODUCED

500

### ESTATE VINEYARDS

15% Stoney Creek Ranch  
3% Green Valley Ranch

### LOCAL VINEYARDS

27% Baiocchi,  
24% Starfield,  
11% Baby Rattlesnake,  
10% Fenaughty,  
10% Cedarville

### ÉLEVAGE REGIMEN

10 Months sur lees:  
28% New French Oak, 72%  
Ntrl. French Oak