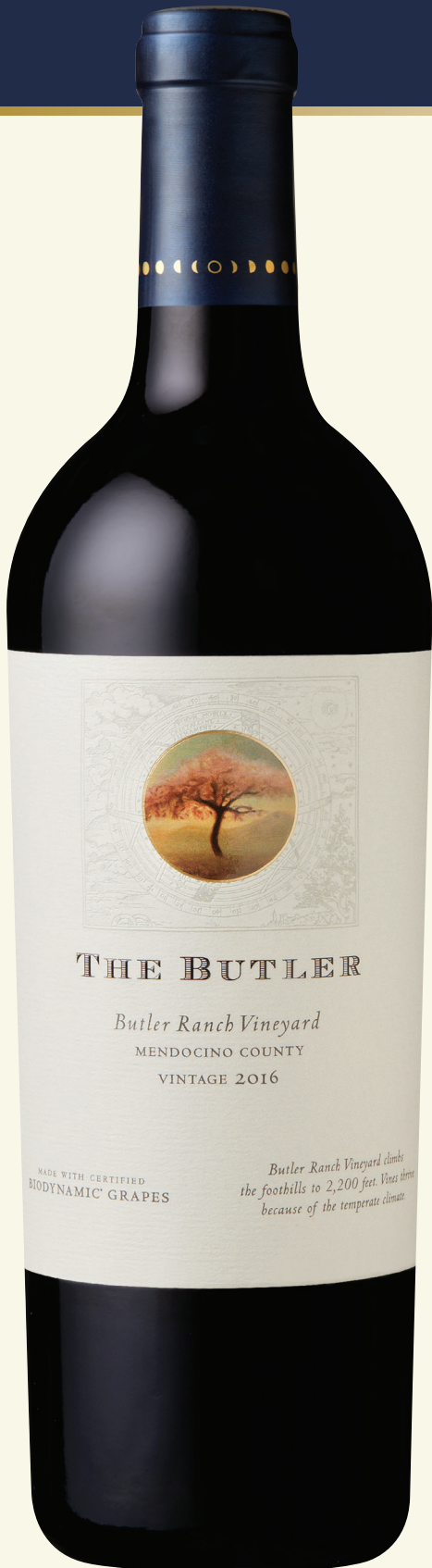


# THE BUTLER



*Butler Ranch Vineyard climbs  
the foothills to 2,200 feet. Vines thrive  
because of the temperate climate.*

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## THE BUTLER SINGLE VINEYARD CUVÉE MENDOCINO COUNTY | VINTAGE 2016

NESTLED NORTHEAST OF ANDERSON VALLEY, THIS STEEP, BIODYNAMIC® MOUNTAIN RANCH WAS ONCE A CHERRY FARM. WITH ITS EXTREME ELEVATION AND RARE RED VINE SOIL, BUTLER RANCH IS PERFECTLY SUITED FOR THE RHÔNE VARIETIES PLANTED HERE. ONLY 90 ACRES OF THIS 900-ACRE RANCH ARE PLANTED TO VINE, ALLOWING THE EXTRAORDINARY PLANT AND ANIMAL LIFE TO FLOURISH, WHILE YIELDING GRAPES WITH AN EXCEPTIONAL CONCENTRATION OF FLAVOR.

THIS RHÔNE-STYLE BLEND IS A SINGLE-VINEYARD EXPRESSION OF BIODYNAMICALLY GROWN FRUIT. A BRILLIANT DEEP RED WITH A SLIGHT PURPLE HUE, THIS MEMORABLE WINE OFFERS COMPLEX AROMAS OF DARK FRUIT, BLACK PEPPER AND CEDAR BOX. COMPLEX FLAVORS OF BLACK CURRANT, PLUMS, BLACK PEPPER AND MUSHROOMS ARE LAYERED OVER HERBACEOUS NOTES OF OREGANO AND BAY LEAF. THE PALATE IS MEDIUM-BODIED WITH SOFT TANNINS AND A LINGERING FINISH. THE BUTLER WILL CONTINUE DEVELOPING LAYERS OF CHARACTER WITH AN ADDITIONAL FIVE TO 10 YEARS OF CELLARING.

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## TECHNICAL NOTES:

THE FRUIT FOR THIS BLEND WAS HARVESTED BY HAND AT OPTIMAL RIPENESS OVER SEVERAL WEEKS. SELECT VINEYARD BLOCKS AND VARIETIES WERE FERMENTED SEPARATELY IN STAINLESS STEEL TANKS FOR 10 TO 14 DAYS. THE WINE AGED FOR 18 MONTHS IN 100 PERCENT FRENCH OAK BARRELS, 70 PERCENT OF WHICH WERE NEW, BEFORE THE FINAL BLEND WAS ASSEMBLED.

DENSITY: 600-1200 VINES/ACRE

AGE OF VINES: 15-40 YEARS

APPELLATION: MENDOCINO COUNTY

VINEYARD: BUTLER RANCH VINEYARD

VARIETAL CONTENT: 77% SYRAH, 15% PETITE SIRAH,  
7% MOURVEDRE, 1% VIOGNIER

CASES PRODUCED: 300

ALCOHOL: 14.5%

TA G/100ML: 0.55

pH: 3.91