

# Jeff Cohn

CELLARS



Welcome to Jeff Cohn Cellars.

Single vineyard Rhône-centric and Zinfandel wines that walk a tightrope, balancing the pure expression of California fruit with the Rhône-influenced winemaking of vintner Jeff Cohn.



The Jeff Cohn Cellars Family: Alexandra, Haley, Isabel & Jeff.

## 2016 Buffalo Hill Rockpile Vineyard Rockpile Syrah

In 2002 I tried to convince Rod Park, the original owner of the Rockpile Vineyard, to plant Syrah on the top of a hill where a lifesized, wooden, carved Buffalo stood. Rod wanted to leave the grassy, rocky hillside alone. Well after many bottles of wine later, the next thing you know, we were planting Syrah. Welcome Buffalo Hill Syrah!



This is the rockiest section of the vineyard, thus more stressful to the vines and produces very thick skinned and small berries. The aromatics of this wine are roasted earth, freshly ground French roasted coffee beans and savory notes with blackberry and black currants that soar from the glass. The palate is almost over the top; incredibly rich, layered and unctuous, but stays focused and fresh. From the black fruits, roasted earth notes, sweet creamy vanilla bean and brooding blackberry, this is one of my favorite Buffalo Hill vintages.

**JEB DUNNUCK 99 Pts** More saturated purple in color, 2016 Syrah Buffalo Hill comes from the rockiest, steepest block of Syrah in the Rockpile vineyard. Reminding me of a great vintage of La Chappelle with its incredibly rich, powerful, meaty style, it offers profound notes of smoked meats, black raspberries, currants, toasted spice, graphite, and bacon fat. Deep, opulent, full-bodied, and massive on the palate, it has building tannins, as much richness as you could want, and a monster finish. This is straight up magical and will keep for another 15-20 years.

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**96 Pts** Making its inaugural appearance with the 2003 vintage, Cohn's Buffalo Hill Syrah immediately established itself as one of the very best California Syrahs to be had, and the latest example only adds to its impressive legacy. As big and bold as ever but always a wine of terrific varietal definition with lovely oak imparting an extra layer of richness, it boasts tremendous fruity reserve and is surprisingly well-structured for a Syrah that goes to the hedonistic brink as it does. Its obvious richness noted, it is nonetheless one for the cellar, and it is guaranteed to grow for another ten to fifteen years. Reviewed: March 2019