



# DOBBES

FAMILY ESTATE



## 2018 SUNDOWN VINEYARD SYRAH

### *Rogue Valley*

*Our Sundown Vineyard Syrah represents the opulence of Rogue Valley with consistent floral and ripe fruit character, age-worthy tannins and juicy acid.*

### GROWING SEASON

The 2018 Rogue Valley growing season began with bud break in early April, similar to 2017. Good conditions for bloom in early June provided an ample fruit set. Warm temperatures throughout the growing season ensured that all grapes reached full maturity with slightly higher than average Brix. Our vineyard sites did not experience any smoke effect from wildfires in the area. We enjoyed easy harvesting conditions, as well as overall fantastic quality from all of our Rogue Valley vineyards.

### WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Bold aromas of ripe blackberries, dates and chocolate-covered cherries complement earthy mushrooms and dried herbs along with notes of cedar and vanilla. A rich and concentrated palate unfolds with full body, structured tannins and enough acid for freshness. Dark-fruited and spicy aromas are consistent on the palate along with flavors of mixed berry pie, black cherry, and tobacco leaf, accented by toffee and cedar from 38% new oak aging. This single vineyard Syrah is consistently a bold expression of the Rogue Valley which carries into a long finish of age worthy tannins.

### PAIRS BEST WITH

Rack of Lamb • Pork & Herb Stuffed Mushrooms with Caramelized Onions

### TASTING NOTES

**Appellation:** Rogue Valley

**Color:** Deep purple

**Aroma:** Ripe blackberries, chocolate covered cherries, dates, mushrooms, dried herbs, cedar, vanilla

**Mouthfeel:** Rich and concentrated, full body, structured tannins, supporting acid

**Flavor:** Mixed berry pie, black cherry, tobacco, toffee, cedar

**Finish:** Long with age-worthy tannins

### TECH FACTS

**TA:** 6.59 g/L

**pH:** 3.77

**Alcohol level:** 14.6%

**Barrel Aging:** 22 months in French and American oak barrels, 38% new, 62% neutral

**Cases produced:** 185