



## 2015 MOURVEDRE OLD VINES

“Face in the hot sun, and feet in the water,” or so the old saw goes, describing the preferred environment for mourvèdre. In 1897, on land once home to jackrabbits and coyotes, the Santa Fe Railroad first laid tracks across this balmy stretch of Contra Costa County on the Sacramento River Delta, opening the region to a century of changing fashions and tides. Today, a dwindling patchwork of densely planted, very old vineyards perseveres in the face of an expanding sea of densely planted, very new homes. These head trained, un-grafted vines, planted in deep, pure sand, needn’t default to the conventional template for mourvèdre – rustic, tannic and often forbiddingly concentrated by the bayonet of saignée. Indeed they are ideal for a wine altogether different – elegant, supremely aromatic, persistent, buoyant and soignée. Alc. 13.5%, pH 3.66, TA 5.55 -Alex & John

**Release Date:** Spring 2017  
**Composition:** 100% Mourvèdre  
**Appellation:** Contra Costa County  
**Production:** 122 cases