

# COPIA

## THE SOURCE 2017



Syrah is Copia's biggest inspiration and obsession in one. Santa Barbara's cool, foggy microclimate showcases the spicy side of the varietal with a mysterious earthiness and a wild animal fat quality – the true hallmarks of a seductive Rhône-style, cool climate Syrah. Energetic ocean breezes feed the steep slopes and valleys of the region, allowing the varietal to ripen steadily. Syrah becomes less “jammy” and more exotically spice-driven.

### WINEMAKING

Handpicked in October at the peak of flavor ripeness and phenolic maturity. Grapes were sorted with 20% whole cluster integration. Fermented in stainless steel. Extended cold maceration was employed for optimal extraction of color and tannins. Cap management included daily punch-downs, pump-overs and délestage. For 20 months, the wine was brought up in 40% new and 60% neutral French oak barrels. Bottled June 11, 2019.

### APPELLATION

Santa Barbara County

### TASTING NOTES

Inky, full of dark red fruit, The Source has a gradient of gaminess, tobacco and violet-inflection. There are aromas of incense, smoke and white pepper. The texture rivals velvet, with a seriously round mid-palate and extended finish. A powerhouse of a Syrah.

### VARIETAL COMPOSITION

90% Syrah, 10% Grenache

### TECHNICAL DATA

pH	3.9
TA	6
Alc.	14.9%
Retail	\$58
Cases	100

### FOOD PAIRINGS

Duck confit with haricots verts  
Oven-roasted turkey with sage butter  
Red wine braised beef shortribs  
Memphis dry rub spareribs  
Gouda cheese

### RATINGS

**93 pts, Wine Enthusiast** | “There's a long life in store for this bottling, which includes 10% Grenache. Aromas of boysenberry, turned earth, tobacco, violet and tar lead into a roasted plum and scorched berry palate that only grows more smoky, savory and peppery with time. Drink now–2032.” – Matt Kettman

**93 pts, Jeb Dunnuck** | “... reveals a deep purple/plum color as well as a classic bouquet of bloody red and blue fruits, bouquet garni, bacon fat, and spring flowers ... an incredible, cool-climate bouquet, medium to full body, a rounded, sexy texture, and a great finish, it's a terrific head-turning Syrah from this estate that I suspect will drink well for a decade.”

**92 pts, Connoisseurs' Guide** | “As much as we enjoy revisiting the wines of proven producers each year, the discovery of talented new ones is equally satisfying, and Copia's inaugural appearance ... is an auspicious one to say the least. ‘The Source’ is a very well-made Syrah that leads with abundant, very deep, optimally ripened, blackberry fruit, and, as it unfolds, its variety's mildly meaty, slightly peppery traits appear ... big and balanced with a very long finish.”