

COPIA

THE SOURCE 2018



As has been the case for the previous vintages, The Source stands tall as Copia's flagship wine. Passion-filled manhours are spent each year on being students of Syrah. That effort shines in 2018's The Source. Almost entirely Syrah, the fruit hails from Jespersen Ranch in Edna Valley. The windswept personality of this special site ensures a distinctly cool climate, ocean-kissed Syrah. We think wine reviewer Jeb Dunnuck observes it best when he says, "It has one foot in the Northern Rhône and one foot in the Central Coast."

WINEMAKING

Varietals were handpicked in October and November at the peak of flavor ripeness and phenolic maturity. Grapes were carefully cluster sorted, 100% destemmed and fermented in stainless steel. After a cold maceration, élevage included daily punch-downs, pump-overs and pneumatage. The wine rested for 20 months 56% new French oak. Bottled on June 23, 2020.

APPELLATION

Central Coast
97% Jespersen Ranch Vineyard | Edna Valley
3% Sorso Vineyard | Willow Creek District, Paso Robles

TASTING NOTES

The nose is perfumed and heady, dominated by black and blue fruit, hints of animal fat, daffodils, and hyacinths. It's lush on the palate with a spice box element, a touch of cocoa, elegant tannins and a great backbone of acidity. Full bodied with an extended finish, this concentrated wine allows all of the mesmerizing qualities of cool-climate Syrah to shine.

RATINGS

95 pts, Vinous | "Shimmering purple. Vibrant black/blue fruit, incense and potpourri qualities on the assertively perfumed nose, which takes on exotic spice, vanilla and candied licorice flourishes with air ... finely detailed cassis, bitter cherry, dark chocolate, allspice and violet pastille flavors show a deft blend of heft and finesse. The floral and spice notes echo on an extremely long, penetrating finish that's shaped by polished, harmonious tannins." - Josh Reynolds

93-95 pts, Jeb Dunnuck | "One of my favorites in the [2018] lineup ... It offers an intoxicating nose of black and blue fruits, crushed flowers, bacon fat, and spring flowers that develops beautifully with time in the glass ... one foot in the Northern Rhône and one foot in the Central Coast."

93 pts, Wine Enthusiast | "Cocoa dust, hints of caramel and lush black cherry meet with hints of tar ... Soft, polished tannins frame the smoky cassis and black-plum core of the sip ... " - Matt Kettmann

91 pts, Connoisseurs' Guide | "The distinctive, slightly gamy aspects of Syrah get a nice bit of play here as do complexing adjuncts of dark coffee to ... moderately deep themes of ripe blackberries ..."

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

97% Syrah, 3% Grenache

TECHNICAL DATA

pH 3.7
TA 5.7
Alc. 14.7%
Retail \$58
Cases 150