

Terminim Alder Springs Vineyard Syrah

THE FACTS

COUNTRY: USA - CA

REGION: Mendocino County

APPELLATION: Mendocino County

CEPAGE: 100% Syrah

WINEMAKING: Hand harvested & sorted, stem inclusion with whole cluster, pump over 2x per day (very slow) "Methode Francois", unfinned & unfiltered

ALCOHOL BY VOLUME: 13.5%

AGING: 16 months in small French oak barrel, 30% new

ANNUAL PRODUCTION: 325 cases

THE STORY

Terminim was born from an unlikely friendship between François Villard — celebrated Northern Rhône vigneron — and Donald Patz, California winemaker known for Patz & Hall. In 2017, the two visited Alder Springs Vineyard in Mendocino County, a high-elevation site at 2,000–3,000 feet, and recognized its potential for Rhône varieties. What started with a handshake and a few tons of Marsanne has grown into a focused transatlantic collaboration.

PHILOSOPHY: Two continents. One vineyard. Terminim is built on the belief that Northern Rhône varieties — Marsanne, Roussanne, Syrah — find extraordinary expression in California's rugged mountain terrain. Villard and Patz bring deep varietal knowledge and minimal intervention, letting Alder Springs speak for itself.

THE SELLING POINTS

Alder Springs Vineyard, 2500 ft elevation

AWARDS: 96pts James Suckling

SUSTAINABILITY: Certified Organic, Minimal Intervention / Augmentation, Natural Fermentation

