



# MORGAN

CRAFTING HIGHLANDS' HISTORY



## 2013 GI7 SYRAH

<i>appellation:</i>	MONTEREY
<i>vineyards:</i>	GRIVA, VENTANA, PARAISO, FAIRVIEW, DOUBLE L
<i>soils:</i>	SANDY & SHALY LOAMS
<i>climate:</i>	COOL, REGION I TO I+
<i>alcohol:</i>	14.4%
<i>acidity:</i>	6.7 G/L
<i>ph:</i>	3.46
<i>cooperage:</i>	14 MONTHS IN 100% FRENCH OAK
<i>retail price:</i>	\$22.00



### THE GRAPE

Our GI7 release is primarily Syrah, with the addend interest of small amounts of Tempranillo and Grenache. The “GI7” is one of Monterey County's best known highways, linking several of our grape growing appellations.

### THE PLACE

Sourced primarily from the Santa Lucia Highlands and Arroyo Seco appellations of Monterey County. Warmer daytime temperatures are mitigated by ocean breezes and cool nights - fostering acidity and balance.

### THE WINE

Morgan GI7 is a blend of 78% Syrah, 11% Tempranillo and 11% Grenache from northern and central Monterey County. Here, the fog burns off early allowing ample sunshine to warm temperatures to the mid 80's during the summer and fall. The rising warm air draws the cool winds from Monterey Bay in the late afternoon. By night time, temperatures cool to the low 50's.

The 2013 growing season was a fairly textbook one throughout Monterey County. Winter storms gave way to a warm spring and summer, with trademark afternoon winds off the Bay. With very few weather events, the fruit was allowed to develop slowly. Mildew pressure was at a minimum, insuring “clean,” high quality fruit. The grapes displayed full phenolic ripeness, with ideal sugar / acid balance.

The wine was fermented in open top tanks and received manual punch-downs. This enabled good extraction and structure development with pleasant tannins. After fermentation, the wine was transferred to French oak barrels. The 11% new oak gives the wine subtle spice and vanilla characters without overpowering the elegant fruit profile.

This Rhone-style blend has a rich ruby red color, highlighted with purple edges. Coffee cake, blackberry, and cherry blossom aromas jump out of the glass. The wine is medium-bodied with soft tannins; it offers a mouthful of sweet spice, sage, and cherry pie flavors. Its weight and balance make it a perfect pairing with anything off the grill.