

# METRICK



## Metrick 2015 Futernick Vyd Mourvèdre, El Dorado AVA

Mountain grown, volcanic Mourvèdre from a north facing slope at 2800 feet. Fully destemmed, concrete and stainless fermented, concrete aged, bottled unfiltered. A very light, aromatic style: herbs and asphalt, berries and spice. El Dorado and the Sierra Foothills are proving themselves to be the hotbed for California Mourvèdre. 1388 bottles produced.

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In much the same fashion as he scours the Iberian Peninsula and Sherry Triangle for his Alexander Jules sherries and imports, self trained winemaker Alex Russan goes where he feels the grapes match the site. Metrick wines are elegant and precise, made gently and intentionally, with the goal of aromatic complexity, cleanliness and transparency, and to show a time and place.

Russan's Alexander Jules sherries, which have received many accolades, including from the New York and Los Angeles Times, are meticulously selected after tasting hundreds of barrels, selecting only a few for blending and bottling. His imports focus on small producers, often in remote regions and working with rare grapes, producing elegant and balanced wines.

Future Metrick bottlings will include Gamay, Albariño, Sauvignon Blanc, Pinot Noir and more, from numerous California AVA's.

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I got to know Alex first as a guy who was selecting and bottling a range of particularly beautiful sherries, and since then I've had the opportunity to taste through a range of his imports, and now the first vintage of his very own wines. He has a distinctive, outstanding palate and genuinely values soulful, energetic wines that have a place on any table. Very excited to see what comes out of the Metrick cellar in the vintages to come!

**--Taylor Parsons, former Wine Director of Republique, Los Angeles, CA**

Alex Russan's Metrick wines and Alexander Jules imports all follow a theme of elegance and delicacy, he has a knack for hunting down very interesting bottlings from emerging regions. I look forward to seeing how his brands develop in the future.

**--Jim Knight, Wine Buyer at the Wine House, Los Angeles, CA**

Always in search of the superlative, it seems Alex simply wants the grapes in his wines to express themselves as honestly and earnestly as possible - to show their best selves. We have the pleasure of a front row seat to his success.

**--Maxfield Schnee, Wine Director for the Josef Centeno Restaurant Group, Los Angeles, CA**