



# Cima Collina

## BLUEBIRD Monterey County Red Wine

2016

**APELLATION**  
Monterey County

**VINEYARD DESIGNATION**  
Argyle Vineyard (Monterey County): Syrah 11%, Cabernet Franc 28%, Petite Sirah 30%  
Antle Vineyard (Chalone): Syrah 31%

**VARIETALS**  
42% Syrah,  
28% Cabernet Franc,  
30% Petite Sirah

**HARVESTED**  
Argyle Syrah- August 26, 2016  
Antle Syrah- September 8, 2016  
Argyle Cab Franc- Sept 21, 2016  
Argyle Petite Sirah- Oct 1, 2016

**AGING**  
14 months  
French & American oak barrels,  
14.8% new

**ALCOHOL**  
13.8%

**PRODUCTION**  
631 cases

**WINEMAKER**  
Annette Hoff

**SUGG. RETAIL PRICE**  
\$35

### WINEMAKER NOTES

When I started in the wine industry in the early 1990's I participated in a Bluebird conservation project for which we built, installed & monitored bluebird nest boxes. I grew to love the occasional sightings of these birds but their population was declining due to loss of habitat. Fortunately when vineyards are sustainably managed they can support healthy Bluebird populations & can even benefit from these bug eaters. Lately I've enjoyed viewing large flocks in vineyards in the warmer reaches of Monterey County -- a heartening sight! This wine is a blend made from those special, inspiring places: 42% Syrah, 28% Cabernet Franc, 30% Petite Sirah. Male Western Bluebird (*Sialia mexicana*)

### WINE STYLE

Versatile, jammy, flavorful, fruit-forward wine blended from the synergies of a non-traditional new world blend of varietals

### About the Artist

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