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“I was deeply impressed with the wines I tasted with Andrew Murray this year. The 2016 reds are powerful wines and yet they are also wonderfully nuanced. Above all else though, when I think of these wines what comes to mind is just how delicious and enjoyable they are.” – Antonio Galloni

2016 Andrew Murray Vineyards Grenache Curtis Vineyard 92 points

The 2016 Grenache Curtis Vineyard is gorgeous. Pliant and quite dense in this vintage, the Curtis Grenache is super-expressive. The mid-palate fills out effortlessly in a wine with surprising density and tons of sheer appeal.

2016 Andrew Murray Vineyards Mourvèdre Curtis Vineyard 92+ points

Just bottled, the 2016 Mourvèdre Curtis Vineyard is terrific. Savory aromatics meld into a core of dark-fleshed fruits in a powerful, savory wine endowed with real character. Tobacco, smoke, menthol and licorice are all nicely layered throughout. This virile, imposing wine needs a year or two in bottle to be at its very best, but it is pretty impressive, even in the very early going.

2016 Andrew Murray Vineyards Esperance Curtis Vineyard 94 points

Murray's Grenache-based 2016 Esperance Curtis Vineyard is positively stellar. A wine of real substance and depth, the 2016 is beautifully perfumed and layered, with the Grenache very much the star. More importantly, the Esperance is incredibly delicious and easy to enjoy.

2016 Andrew Murray Vineyards Syrah Estate 93 points

The 2016 Syrah is a gorgeous appellation level wine. Dark blue and black fruit, smoke, leather, tobacco and licorice are all amped up in a pliant, alluring wine that delivers exceptional quality. If there is one wine in this range that embodies all of the Andrew Murray qualities at their best, this is most certainly it.

2016 Andrew Murray Vineyards Roasted Slope 94 points

Bottled just a few weeks ago, the 2016 Roasted Slope is a dense, powerful wine. Blood orange, red plum, cherry and mint are some of the many notes that flesh out in this bold, super-delicious Syrah from Andrew Murray. The 7% Viognier adds attractive aromatic top notes to round things out. The 2016 packs a serious punch, that much is obvious, but it also needs time to unwind. Even so, it is a positively stellar wine. Even just the few weeks that passed between my two tastings of the 2016 were enough to show that it is a fabulous wine. Roasted Slope is a barrel selection taken from Watch Hill and Alisos.

2016 Andrew Murray Vineyards Syrah Watch Hill Vineyard 94 points

The 2016 Syrah Watch Hill Vineyard is dense, powerful and super-concentrated. Inky blue/purplish fruit, lavender, menthol, licorice and spice notes are all amped up in this rich, beautifully resonant Syrah. Dollops of Viognier add brightness and floral top notes, but the Watch Hill remains a pretty big, yet nuanced, wine.

2016 Andrew Murray Vineyards Syrah Alisos Vineyard 94 points

The 2016 Syrah Alisos Vineyard is a powerful, structured wine. Aromatically intense and full of character, the Alisos is also a bit less polished in its tannins and overall feel than the other Syrahs in this range. Even so, there is tremendous energy and vibrancy to the fruit, with hints of game, smoke, tobacco and licorice that are woven throughout. A grippy, potent finish rounds things out.

2016 Andrew Murray Vineyards Syrah Slide Hill Vineyard 95 points

Rich and explosive on the palate, the 2016 Syrah Slide Hill Vineyard is another of the many highlights in this range from Andrew Murray. Blueberry jam, lavender, mint and spice notes abound, but it is the wine's textural balance and class that stand out most. All the elements come together in a focused wine graced with superb nuance and class. The 2016 is so elegant and refined. Slide Hill the new name of the vineyard known as Sawyer Lindquist, yet another case of a new owner throwing away all the brand equity built over the years by a series of terrific wines, most notably those of Qupé.