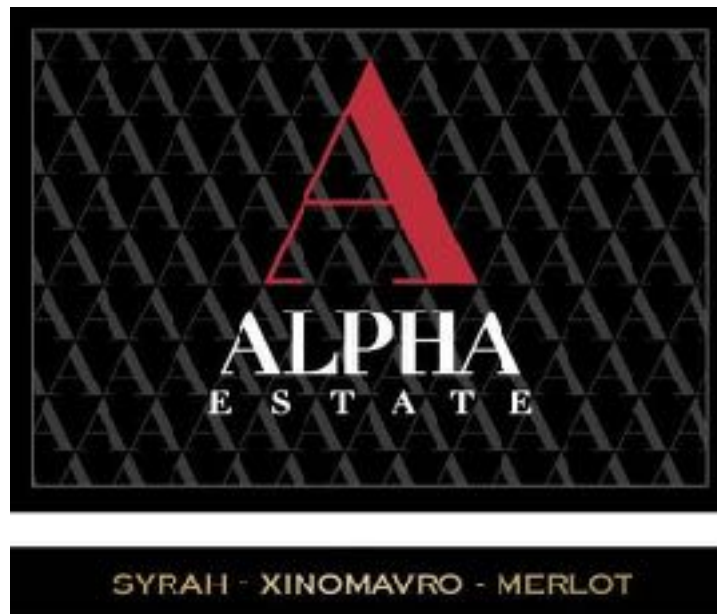


Alpha Estate SMX 2016



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Gorgeously constructed, this has silky texture, wonderful freshness and a long, flavorful finish with a tart hint underneath the wood. It has ample concentration, but the mid-palate shows fine finesse too. A bit too tight (and too woody) just now, it could use a couple of years of cellaring, at the least. The tannins aren't too hard, but this isn't ready. Its fresh demeanor and serious backbone should support this wine's fruit as it ages. It seems built to age gracefully. It will improve as well—and it needs to pull that wood in.

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