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2017 Duemani Cabernet Franc CiFRA

The 2017 Cabernet Franc CiFRA is made with fruit picked from the part of the vineyard that ripens first. Winemaking is executed in glass-tiled cement vats, and this helps to keep the fruit tight, focused and precise. Indeed, this is a wine that embodies the ideals of precision, and winemaker Luca D'Attoma has managed to pull off that aspect with beautiful clarity despite the heat and dry conditions of this vintage.

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2016 Duemani Merlot Cabernet Franc Altrovino

This is another great wine from Duemani. The spiciness from the wood is just right in the 2016 Merlot Cabernet Franc Altrovino, while the color and texture of the wine are both a bit gentler compared to other offerings from this producer. The wine has a slightly thinner mouthfeel and a more accessible style, but this is still a loyal and very enjoyable presentation of these two French varieties.

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2016 Duemani Cabernet Franc Duemani

This vintage is profound and beautiful. The 2016 Cabernet Franc Duemani shows deep layers of fruit, with levels of crunchiness and complexity that make it memorable. The mouthfeel is silky, long and rich. The maturity of the fruit here is perfect. In terms of appearance, the wine is dark and impenetrable. All around, this Duemani is an extremely tight, focused and elegant expression of Cabernet Franc.

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2016 Duemani Syrah Suisassi

There is a lot of gorgeous spice in the 2016 Syrah Suisassi, along with candied fruit, cherry and notes of blackberry. The Syrah takes very well to 20 months in oak, retaining a freshness and fruity sweetness to accompany the spice. The mouthfeel is velvety and rich. In the end, this is a fine and elegant expression of Syrah that I could envision serving with a creamy steak au poivre.

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