



**2016 Favia QUARZO Syrah Amador County**

Our most recent offering of Syrah, Quarzo, comes—as always—from Ann Kraemer's Shake Ridge Ranch. Ann and her family have developed a stunningly beautiful vineyard in the Sierra Foothills, near the town of Sutter Creek, in Amador County, an area farmed by Italian immigrants in the 1870's. It is a rugged, hilly landscape, with soils rich in iron and volcanic rock, with quartz crystals intermixed. It is these unique crystals that inspired the name Quarzo.

The 2016 Quarzo Syrah is dark as night, and as brilliant as a blood red full moon. Aromatically brooding and intense, the wine offers notes of ripe black fruits, kirsch, chicory and salted licorice. It is packed with power on the palate, with mouthwatering tannins, citrus peel, smoked meats, gun metal, cedar and hints of black tar. Despite its muscle and girth, it is perfectly accessible right now and incredibly hedonistic. Built for the long haul, this wine will bring smiles to faces now, and for decades to come.

100% Syrah  
237 cases produced