



2018 Syrah Yakima Valley

114 Cases

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WINEMAKER NOTES

I have made Syrah for years, typically from the Newhouse Vineyard on Snipes Mountain. But an unusually light crop on that block in 2018 allowed me to look for other sources. It turned out that I needed to look no farther than Barrel Springs for Syrah and Cabernet Sauvignon that year. I could tell when we were pressing it is was sizing up to be a luxurious Syrah. After almost 5 years in the barrel, it did not disappoint me. Rich in cedar and oak, it keeps your nose in the glass. Then I pick out aromas of black raspberry, blackberry, ground coffee, and butterscotch. The tannins are soft but the mouthfeel is enormous with a long lingering finish.

Gordon Taylor, Winemaker

VINEYARD

Location: Barrel Springs Vineyards, Yakima Valley

Planted: 2005

Soil: Warden silt loam (60%)

Shano silt loam (25%)

Burke silt loam (15%)

Location: Alder Ridge Vineyards, Horse Heaven Hills, Cabernet Sauvignon

Planted: 1998 **Soil:** Warden silt loam

Location: Crawford Farms, Yakima Valley

WINEMAKING

Syrah—Barrel Springs Vineyards

Harvested: September 10, 2018

Brix: 24.2 **pH:** 4.0 **Yeast:** VITA DRY

Max Temp: 84F

Fermentation: 6 days **Pressed:** September 16, 2018

Cabernet Sauvignon—Alder Ridge Vineyards

Harvested: October 17, 2018

Brix: 26 **pH:** 4.0 **Yeast:** VITA DRY

Max Temp: 83.5F

Yeast: VITA DRY

Fermentation: 6 days **Pressed:** October 25, 2018

Malbec—Crawford Farms

Harvested: October 10, 2018

Brix: 26 **pH:** 3.63 **Yeast:** NT-116

Max Temp: 83F

Fermentation: 7 days **Pressed:** October 17, 2018

SYRAH

Yakima Valley

Wine Lore: Why do winemakers like Syrah? As a grape, it is a winemaker's dream. Its versatility offers the winemaker many approaches to handling the grape: it can be fruit forward, light and jammy or bold and tannic. It also plays well with others. When Syrah is blended with other grapes, it can round out flavors and show off the best in its fellow grapes. The Syrah in this bottle was designed to bring out the best in Washington's growing conditions.

TECHNICAL DATA

Alcohol: 15%

Final pH: 3.66

Blend:

85% Barrel Springs, Syrah

7.5% Alder Ridge Vineyards,

Cabernet Sauvignon

7.5% Crawford Farms, Malbec

Bottled: July 12, 2023

Cases Produced: 114

FOOD PAIRINGS

Beef sliders

Niçoise salad

Cedar planked grilled salmon

French chicken tarragon

Roasted strawberry crème brûlée