

VANESSA

VINEYARD

SYRAH 2014



Syrah 90% / Viognier 10%

Syrah Clone 100 Côtes du Rhône, France

Alcohol	14.8%
Residual Sugar	0.50 g/L
Total Acidity	6.44 g/L
pH	3.94
Brix	28
Cases Produced	425
Released	2018
SKU	790873

Carved from stone, fuelled by sun, a vineyard like no other

Growing Conditions

2014 was an exemplary growing season, which saw an early and dry start to the spring, a pleasant summer with no huge heat spikes, and a temperate autumn. Despite being one of the warmest seasons on record, the lack of heat spikes enabled a nice and consistent ripening of the fruit. The cooler temperatures in September were beneficial in slowing sugar development while still allowing for tannin and flavour maturation, creating a beautifully balanced vintage. Our viticulture team harvested two weeks earlier than any previous year, yet achieved exceptional fruit quality and flavours in our Similkameen Valley reds. Overall a warm year, Growing Degree Days at Vanessa were 1,920, whereas the average recorded at Osoyoos was 1,702.

Terroir and Microclimate

Located high on a hillside overlooking the Similkameen Valley, Vanessa Vineyard's grapes are cultivated on 75 acres of sloping, well-drained, rocky terrain. The vines grow in rows of rocks, absorbing the day heat and imparting that warmth during the cooler nights. Planted in a west to southwest exposure, the rocky vineyard basks in the afternoon sun. Ideally situated, the vineyard benefits from a long growing season, with low yields of intensely ripe fruit. The unique stony site produces fruit with complex flavours and minerality that are truly distinctive.

Winemaking

Crafted from only 100% estate grown and hand-picked fruit. A small percentage of Viognier was co-fermented with the Syrah in the traditional Rhône style. This cuvée is almost entirely comprised of free run juice with only a small quantity of pressed juice added to balance the tannins. Aged for 20 months in new and second use American and French oak barrels that were medium-plus toast. Beautiful integration of the soil minerality gives the wine exceptional character and quality.

Flavour Profile

This vintage of Syrah shows a bouquet of dark berries, brambles, and pleasant floral elements. Concentrated dark fruit flavours, spicy white pepper and licorice notes radiate on the palate, along with oak tones of toast, cocoa, and caramel. A lingering, silky finish ensues with finely grained tannins. Enjoy with sizzling Tandoori lamb chops, or grilled Rib-eye steaks with a fresh BC tomato-basil relish.



@vanessavnyrd

vanessavineyard.com

info@vanessavineyard.com

+1 250 499 8811