

SYRAH 2013



Syrah 91% / Viognier 9%

Syrah Clone 100 Côtes du Rhône, France

Alcohol	14.0%
Residual Sugar	1.3 g/L
Total Acidity	6.022 g/l
pH	3.74
Cases Produced	270
Released	2016
SKU	687376

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

Growing Conditions

The 2013 growing season commenced with an early start and a cool spring. June experienced wetter conditions, but a long and even summer created an ideal growing climate for the grapes. Autumn brought warm days with October being dry and a little cooler, enabling acidity levels and flavours to be in balance with sugar levels. The 2013 vintage was an excellent growing season following several cooler years with Growing Degree Days totaling 1,579, well above the historical average. The red wines are beautifully balanced showing ripe fruit and nicely integrated tannins.

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. The grapes were destemmed and underwent a gentle crush before small-batch fermentation and hand punch down to maximize flavour and extraction. A small percent of Viognier was co-fermented with the Syrah in the traditional Rhône style. This vintage is almost entirely comprised of free run juice with only a very small quantity of pressed juice added to balance the tannins. The wine was aged for 18 months in American and French oak, 60% of which were new barrels. Beautiful integration of the striking earthy minerality gives the wine exceptional character and quality.

Flavour Profile

Dark ruby in colour, this classic Syrah expresses earthy aromas with vanilla, leather, mocha and mint accents. Full-bodied with concentrated dark berry fruit flavours, filling the palate are tobacco, vanilla bean, black pepper, clove and ginger spices. A wine with an opulent mouthfeel layered over well-rounded tannins, this vintage is built for aging with good structure and seamless fruit and oak integration. The lengthy finish shows exotic spices and smoky oak. Enjoy this elegant wine as you might any Syrah based northern Rhône red.



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