

## SYRAH 2015



Syrah 92% / Viognier 8%

Syrah Clone 100 Côtes du Rhône, France

Alcohol	14.2%
Residual Sugar	4.0 g/L
Total Acidity	6.4 g/L
pH	3.9
Brix	28
Cases Produced	445
Released	2019
SKU	790873

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

### Growing Conditions

The 2015 growing season started early with record heat units being recorded from June through September. While the Average Growing Degree Days in Osoyoos were 1,764, at Vanessa they were significantly higher at 2,049. In the past ten years, 2015 was the hottest year ever for Similkameen's Vanessa Vineyard. These conditions resulted in our red grapes being riper with a fuller fruit expression and softer, more rounded 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

This Syrah was crafted from 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 percentage of Viognier was co-fermented with the Syrah in the traditional Northern Rhône style. This vintage is almost entirely composed of free run juice with only a very small quantity of pressed juice added to balance the tannins. This wine was aged for 20 months in new and second use American and French oak barrels that were medium-plus toast.

### Flavour Profile

Dark ruby in colour, this classic Syrah nose balances ripe damson plum, blueberry, dried black cherry and floral jasmine notes with vanilla, coffee, clove, iron, charred meat and pink peppercorns. The full, lush and silky textured palate is packed with blackberry, blueberry and black pepper. Complexity is added through hints of leather, toasted vanillin oak, dried fig, dark chocolate and savoury dried rosemary.



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