



SYRAH 2017

VARIETY: 100% SYRAH
 PRODUCTION: 1228 CASES
 ALC./VOL.: 14.7%
 OTHER: pH 3.78, TA: 6.5 g/L, RS: 1.8 g/L
 CSPC: + 91843

THE GRAPES

Syrah is a red grape variety grown all over the world but is associated in particular with the Rhône region of France, as well as Australia (Shiraz). The style and flavour profile of wines made from Syrah grapes vary widely depending on the region, but, in general, Syrah wines tend to be medium to full-bodied, mouth-filling and with blackberry, pepper and floral/herbal notes dominating. Over the last few years, South Okanagan has become recognized as a consistent producer of world-class, elegant and complex Syrah.

VINTAGE REPORT

The 2017 growing season in Osoyoos did not deliver any significant deviations from the expected weather patterns. Spring was a little cooler and arrived a little later than usual, but summer delivered slightly above average temperatures with little rain which allowed the vineyards to catch up. Many burning wildfires resulted in stagnant air throughout the valley and increased humidity although smoke taint was not a concern. Fall weather was average, with wide diurnal margins in the early fall and a cold snap in early November. On balance – a good typical Osoyoos growing season that delivered quality, well-balanced fruit at harvest.

VINEYARD

- Osoyoos East Bench, Bartsch Vineyard
- Class 1 vineyard site, blocks with south or west aspect and slope.
- Soil: sandy to loamy sand, with silica and granite composition.
- Harvest date: October 14th, 2017
- Brix at harvest: 24.5 Brix

WINEMAKING

- Grapes hand-picked and sorted in the vineyard, then sorted again prior to destemming and pumping through to fermenters. No crushing.
- Cool red fermentation at approx. 26°C in variable capacity 5,000 L stainless steel fermenters
- Gentle pumpovers three times daily
- Cooperage: 225 L barriques; François Frère. 27% new Hungarian oak, remainder – neutral barrels.
- Malolactic Fermentation: YES, in tank and barrel.
- Filtered: YES
- Fined: NO
- Bottled: March 2019

TASTING NOTES

A medium-bodied red wine with a medium purple colour in the glass. Highly aromatic notes of the signature South Okanagan Syrah black pepper, cedar, roses and lavender. The palate follows with more dark fruits like boysenberry and plum, along with a hint of coffee, all backed up by soft, approachable tannins with a round, rich midpalate. Our '17 Syrah drinks beautifully now but will continue to develop in bottle if cellared over the next seven years.

