

COLUMBIA·CREST *Reserve*

2015 RESERVE SYRAH COYOTE CANYON VINEYARD | HORSE HEAVEN HILLS

GROWING SEASON

- ▶ The 2015 vintage was one of the warmest growing seasons on record in Washington.
- ▶ Warm temperatures continued through the spring and summer, moderating slightly into fall and extending an early harvest.
- ▶ Overall, 2015 saw very favorable growing conditions, producing optimal ripening across varieties and yielding outstanding wines throughout the region

VINEYARD

- ▶ Coyote Canyon Vineyard is located in the heart of the Horse Heaven Hills appellation. The blocks Syrah 99 and Syrah 01 were planted on the southern exposed slopes of the vineyard, one of the highest in the appellation.
- ▶ Syrah has an affinity for the region's warmer days during summer months and coolness during the ripening season. Lower temperatures during ripening concentrate aromatics and enhance complexity.
- ▶ The region's low rainfall and high wind pressure yields concentrated fruit with depth and varietal expression.

VINIFICATION

- ▶ Hand-picked grapes were destemmed, sorted and placed into tanks. A twice-daily pumpover regime was used to extract color and flavors.
- ▶ The grapes were cold soaked for two days prior to fermentation to help extract color and flavor from the grape skins without extracting too much tannin.
- ▶ Initial fermentation occurred in a mixture of small open-top stainless steel tanks, conical stainless steel tanks and a small oak tank to help the grapes express themselves in three different ways to bring complexity to the final blend.
- ▶ Lots were kept separate and placed into 55% new French oak barrels. Aging occurred for 18 months, with blending happening just prior to bottling.

- APELLATION** ▶ HORSE HEAVEN HILLS
- VINEYARDS** ▶ COYOTE CANYON
- BLEND** ▶ 98% SYRAH, 2% VIOGNIER
- ALCOHOL** ▶ 15.5%
- TA** ▶ 0.62 G/100ML
- PH** ▶ 3.81
- CASES CRAFTED** ▶ 600



TASTING NOTES

"This Rhone style Syrah delivers great varietal expression with bright berries, floral notes, and a hint of cedar smoke. The wine is beautifully balanced with a complexity that will enrapture all your senses."

Juan Muñoz Oca

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