



2016 "THE PUNDIT" SYRAH WAHLUKE SLOPE

SEE SYRAH THROUGH OUR EYES. DISCOVER A WINE THAT DEFIES CONVENTIONAL WISDOM, ANNOUNCING TO THE WORLD THAT IT'S TIME TO TAKE FLIGHT ON THE WINDS OF CHANGE, LEAVE OLD NOTIONS BEHIND, AND EXPERIENCE SOMETHING TRULY REVOLUTIONARY. THE WAHLUKE SLOPE SYRAH REPRESENTS BOTH A REGION AND A WINEMAKING TECHNIQUE THAT ARE COMPONENTS OF THE PUNDIT SYRAH'S FINAL BLEND. YOU'LL NEVER LOOK AT SYRAH THE SAME WAY AGAIN.

VINTAGE

The 2016 vintage experienced the best of both worlds with a hot spring and early summer, but also a cool fall season. Cooler temperatures in August and September slowed down ripening and resulted in longer hang time for the grapes, and the longest harvest on record in Washington State (August 15-November 15). Overall, 2016 saw very favorable growing conditions, producing wines with ripeness and elegance.

WINEMAKING

This wine was fermented as de-stemmed grapes. Regular daily pumpovers, and close monitoring of the fermentation allowed the winemakers to capture the inherent rich dark fruit and smooth tannins the Wahluke Slope has to offer.

After fermentation, the young wine was placed into neutral French and oak barrels. The use of neutral and tighter-grained barrels helps to preserve the unique character of the wine itself.

The choice of this unique wine to highlight a Pundit component was a true collaboration of winemakers Bob Bertheau, Michel Gassier and Philippe Cambie, combining their decades of experience to produce a wine that demonstrates why Washington State is one of the best growing regions in the world for Syrah.

WINEMAKERS' NOTES

The color is deep purple with ruby highlights. Decadent, boysenberry compote and graham cracker aromas are complimented by juicy, jammy fruit flavors. A very warm vineyard site provides a luscious, smooth mouthfeel followed by a silky, soft finish.



APPELLATION

Wahluke Slope

BLEND

100% Syrah

AGING

Aged for 13 months in oak;
100% in neutral French oak barrels

TECHNICAL DATA

pH: 3.85
TA: 0.53 g/100mL
Alcohol: 14.5%
Bottling Dates: December 18, 2017
Cases Produced: 93