



TA: 0.55 g/100 mL

PH: 3.88

ALCOHOL: 14.5%

BLEND:

97% Syrah, 2% Mourvedre, 1% Viognier

COLUMBIA VALLEY

2019 The Pundit Syrah Columbia Valley

VINTAGE NOTES

- Winter temperatures were average preceding the 2019 growing season resulting in little to no vine damage and bud break occurred normally.
- The abundance of snow in February provided ample soil moisture. Warm spring temperatures created excellent conditions for canopy growth and early fruit development.
- Temperatures were mild in the summer, followed by cooler fall temperatures, ideal for maintaining acidity and developing beautiful fruit flavors and aromas.

VINEYARD NOTES

- 33% of the grapes sourced from Yakima Valley AVA came from Olsen Family Vineyard.
- 19% was sourced from Zirkle Fruit in Wahluke Slope AVA and 18% from Upland Vineyard in the Snipes Mountain AVA.
- The remaining fruit came from the following AVAs; 12% Columbia Valley, 12% Horse Heaven Hills and 6% Rattlesnake Hills.

WINEMAKING NOTES

- Aged for 14 months both in barrels, and in 500 and 600L puncheons; 23% in new French oak, 10% New American Oak and 67% neutral oak.
- 25% of the lots were fermented with whole clusters, with the remaining lots fermented as de-stemmed grapes.
- Majority of the young wine was placed in neutral French and American oak barrels.

TASTING NOTES

“Created through a unique collaboration between Washington State’s Chateau Ste. Michelle and the Rhone’s Michel Gassier – with consulting oenologist Philippe Cambie – the Pundit expresses the finesse and balance typical of France’s Rhone Valley with all the attitude of Washington’s great Columbia Valley.”