



Wine Tech Notes

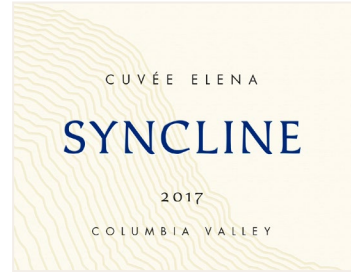
2017 Cuvée Elena

8 barrels produced • 14.1% Alc by Vol.

Tasting Notes

For 15 years we've been creating this special flagship wine. Each spring we begin our blending process for the vintage by tasting every barrel and tank in the winery, in an effort to choose the most polished wines. The intention is to capture the essence of refined texture. Every year the blend and vineyards involved change, yet we keep our aspirations focused; to make the most elegant and satisfying wine possible.

Rich and savory, the fresh blackberry and raspberry aromas and flavors are complemented by hints of violet and spices, with an elegant texture and graceful, velvety finish.



Harvest Notes

Vineyards: 71% Coyote Canyon, 24% Ranch at the End of the Road, 2% Boushey, 2% Alder Ridge, 1% McKinley Springs

Appellation: Columbia Valley (74% Horse Heaven Hills, 24% Red Mt, 2% Yakima Valley)

Varietals: 71% Mourvedre / 26% Syrah / 2% Carignan / 1% Cinsault

Vineyards

Coyote Canyon Mourvedre was planted on what was the shoreline of the great Missoula Floods. This steep and stony hillside is layered with gravel and caliche and has unencumbered southern exposure.

The forces that helped form **Ranch at the End of the Road** and the Red Mountain geology in general, were truly gigantic. On top of basalt lie layers of sediment deposited by repeated ancient floods – the largest floods ever recorded. On top of the sediment are layers of sand and silt from eons of erosion and weathering. The high alkalinity and high calcium carbonate content produce wines of incredible structure and longevity.

Vinification

Mourvedre was fully de-stemmed and fermented in small open top fermentors with twice daily manual pigeage. The free run juice was aged in a 33HL Nomblot concrete cube.

Syrah was de-stemmed with the addition of 20% whole clusters and fermented in small open top fermentors with manual pigeage, then aged in small, older French oak barrels.

Elevage lasted for a total of 15 months, the wine was bottled March 2019 and is 100% free run juice.