



## Wine Tech Notes

### 2018 Syrah

4 barrels produced • 13.7% Alc by Vol.

*ESTATE GROWN, COLUMBIA GORGE*

#### Tasting Notes

This is an outstanding vintage of Syrah from our estate vineyards. Bright, juicy pomegranate, violet perfume and savory garrigue are all embraced with mouthwatering acidity. Layered with remarkable finesse and intense ruby color; this showcases our cool climate growing region.



#### Harvest Notes

**Vinyard:** Nelson Vineyard  
**Appellation:** Columbia Gorge  
**Varietal:** 100% Syrah

#### Vineyard

We have been farming the nearby **Nelson Vineyard** since 2009. This vineyard is located directly to the south of our winery on the shores of the Columbia River. Having implemented Biodynamic practices and organic farming, we have slowly been able to increase our yields on this wind blasted site. Situated on a peninsula jutting out into the Columbia River, this vineyard has the earliest bud-break and latest frost of any site we farm. Planted to Syrah and a small amount of Viognier, the vineyard is trained VSP and planted in windblown soils. With photosynthesis inhibited by the wind, the vineyard produces dark wines of moderate alcohol with a distinct savory aspect.

#### Vinification

All fruit was hand picked, with 50% whole cluster fermentation in small open top fermenters. Fermentation was with native yeast, no fining, and a blend of manual punch downs, and pigeage à pied. Free Run juice was kept separate for elevage in Ermitage and Atelier 'Cigar' French oak barrels. Bottled August 2019.