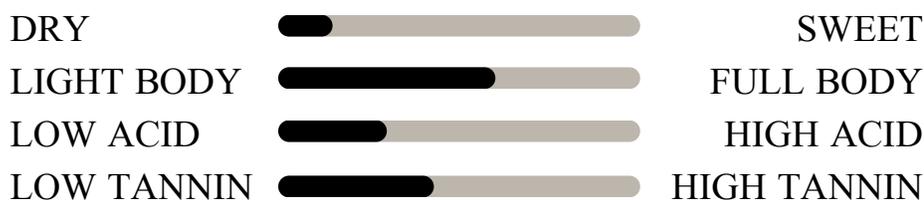


2021 READERS SYRAH

SENSORY NOTES

Our 2021 Readers Syrah is very expressive aromatically with beautiful color shining through the glass. Rich royal purple hues gleaming through this wine really set the tone before you even take your first sip. The aromatics and flavors are ripe plum, dark chocolate-covered cherries, boysenberry, and wild forest fruits. There are also savory components that have come together harmoniously with the fruit aspects of this wine with forest floor and black pepper notes coming through. Unsweetened cocoa, chocolate truffle, and espresso expressions dance through the drinking experience. This wine is soft, juicy, and creamy in texture from your first sip to your last. This wine finishes savory with silky tannins leaving your palate satisfied.



WINEMAKING

Our Syrah & Malbec were machine harvested and processed on October 1st and October 10th respectively. It was picked whole berry at its peak balance of sugar and acid. Fermentation was done on skins with pump overs and punch downs 2-3 times daily. The fermentation process lasted 10-14 days at warm temperatures ranging from 75-85 degrees to gain optimal extraction. Once the desired structural balance was reached, the wine was drained off its skins and placed in neutral barrels where it began secondary fermentation. Once through malolactic fermentation, wine was sulfured and aged on lees until blended. The wine was then sterile-filtered prior to bottling.

VINTAGE

The 2021 vintage was one of the warmest to date with several days in the Summer over 110 degrees. Bud break occurred in mid-April. Summer brought record temperatures at the end of June topping 115 degrees. Temperatures averaged around 90 degrees through summer with several days over 100 degrees. The crop was smaller than average but was packed with concentration and high quality, leading to another gorgeous Washington vintage.

BLEND	SOURCING	TECHNICAL DATA	AGING	DRINK WINDOW	
80% Syrah 20% Malbec	Wahluke Slope AVA 100% Weinbau Vineyard	pH: 4.23 TA: 3.9 g/L RS: .34 g/L	Cases: 917 12-pack Bottled Date: 8/2/22 Alcohol: 14.8%	8 months 100% Neutral French Oak	2022-2030