



William Church Winery
2016 Syrah
Red Willow Vineyard
Yakima Valley AVA

VINEYARD

Site	Started in 1971, Red Willow Vineyard, sits in the northwest corner of Yakima Valley. Our Syrah is sourced from the Les Vignes de Marcoux block. South-east slopes characterize the site which sits at an elevation of 1100-1300ft.
Soil	Warden Sandy loam is the classified soil throughout the 60-acre block

VINTAGE

Growing Season	2016 boasted one of the earliest growing seasons on record. Weather throughout budbreak and bloom was warm and dry creating a large crop load for vines. By the early summer temperatures rose to accelerate berry development while cool weather in mid to late summer continued ripening while preserving the balance and aromatics of the grapes.
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WINEMAKING

Varietal Composition	100% Syrah
Fermentation	During fermentation, must caps were punched down by hand twice daily, until the desired tannin structure developed. After primary fermentation was complete, malolactic fermentation occurred in barrel.
Aging	15 months in French oak, 26% of which were new Puncheons
Cases	242
Alcohol	14.4%
pH	3.96
Titratable Acidity	0.61 g/100mL
Release Date - Price	September 18 - \$40