



## 2018 Syrah Columbia Valley AVA

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### VINEYARDS

#### Red Willow Vineyard

This vineyard is nearly 50 years old making it an institution in Washington. A gentle south facing slope at 1100-1300ft of sandy loam soils help develop berry maturity sooner than our other sources.

#### Lewis Vineyard

First planted in 1996, this family owned vineyard sits at an elevation of 1200ft. The high elevation allows for cooler temperatures and longer ripening time, preserving the acidity of the grapes. Sandy loam soils help combat vine vigor.

#### Wienbau Vineyard

First planted in 1981, this is a relatively warm site due to its 710-950 ft elevation. The site is characterized by a gentle south facing slope and Kennewick silt loam soils.

### VINTAGE

<b>Growing Season</b>	2018 was considered a near perfect growing season. Warmer than average temperatures through out the year, allowed grapes to ripen steadily. Despite wildfires leading up harvest season, many vineyards such as ours were not negatively impacted by smoke. Because the smoke was high enough in the atmosphere it allowed for some cooling affect in the hottest months.
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### WINEMAKING

<b>Varietal Composition</b>	100% Syrah
<b>Fermentation</b>	While most grapes were destemmed, 14% remained whole cluster for aromatics and tannin structure. 40% of the ferments, used indigenous yeast. 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.
<b>Aging</b>	Aged for 16 months in French oak, 30% of which was new
<b>Cases</b>	392
<b>Alcohol</b>	14.5%
<b>pH</b>	4.00
<b>Titrateable Acidity</b>	0.57 g/100mL
<b>Release Date - Price</b>	March 2021 - \$42