

CÔTES DU RÔB yakima valley I vintage 2021

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Côtes du Rôb at Barnard Griffin —

A tongue-in-cheek reference (in reverence) to the Côtes du Rhône appelation and the gorgeous wines that are produced therein.

Vintage 2021 -

Spring was early and warm. Water regimens had to be locked in and canopies situated so that the grapes had a modicum of relief from the blazing sun. Once we made it through summer, heat moderated and things were fairly straightforward through the end of harvest.

The intense heat contributed to smaller, more concentrated berries with less tonnage to go around – which in the end will make for some truly interesting, small lot wines. Reds will have a dense color and concentration, while cool nights saved the day (and the acid) for the whites.

Tech Notes —

vineyard selection Lonesome Spring Ranch ¦ yakıma valley

BLEND 70% Syrah 15% Durif 10% Mourvedre 5% Counoise WINEMAKING PH - 3.98 TA - .64 RS - .5G/L FULL ML

FERMENTATION Pumpovers 2 times daily; pressed at 1-3% sugar; peak fermentation temperature 85 degrees

FINISHING 33 months — 15% new French oak 85% neutral barriques

193 CASES PRODUCED - ABV 14.9%

TASTING NOTES — Candied ginger and berries, pepper, plum and oak spice nose.

Complex and layered, this Rhone leaning blend features unsweetened plum and orange fruit with hints of mineral, earth and bittersweet chocolate in the mouth.

Rob Griffin

Founding Winemaker

Megan Hughes 2nd Generation Winemaker



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