BARNARD GRIFFIN
ESTD 1983

SYRAH PORT

columbia valley | vintage 2023

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Vintage 2023 —

2023 was about as seamless and normal as a farmer can expect in a quickly changing global climate. Harvest was barreling down on us mid-August whether we were ready for it, or not. An early but moderate spring, followed by the Columbia Valley's obligatory scorching 2 week stretch had fruit development in prime shape come August. Winemakers love a short sleeve and light denim harvest (at least these ones do) and that's exactly what we got.

We wrapped up on October 21st, well before any threats of winter. We saw reds with high fruit concentration and great color with full tannin development while the whites came in with steady acid and enhanced fruit definition. Fruit character is going to be the name of the game for our 2023 varieties. Expect to see another set of well-balanced, varietally specific wines coming out of our corner of the Columbia Valley.

Tech Notes —

VINEYARD SELECTION
Desert Aire Vineyard ¦ WAHLUKE SLOPE
Gunkel Vineyard ¦ COLUMBIA VALLEY

BLEND
100% *Syrah*

WINEMAKING
PH – 4
TA – .54
RS – 5.8%

FERMENTATION
Pumpovers 2 times daily;
pressed at 11.5% sugar;
unaged grape brandy added;
peak fermentation temperature 85 degrees

FINISHING
100% –
20 months (barrique)
- 100% neutral French oak

700 CASES PRODUCED – ABV 18.5%

Tasting Notes —

Rich and decadent with a plump, juicy core of blueberry, orange zest and dark chocolate flavors.

Well supported by polished structural tannins and just the right measure of acidity.



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