

Rouleur Syrah

2020 | YAKIMA VALLEY



100% Syrah

Olsen Ranch Vineyard

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

pH: 3.91

Titrateable Acidity: 4.7 g/liter

Residual Sugar: 0.09 g/liter

Volatile Acidity: 0.59 g/liter

Alcohol: 13.5%

200 cases produced



A Rouleur is a professional cyclist who is good at everything on the road.

Harvest and Winemaking

2020 may go down as one of the best vintages of recent years. The spring was perfect as the vines had plenty of water in the soil and the summer was quite warm and dry which decreased berry size. However 10 days of forest fire smoke hung over the Western United States during September. We have found zero to minimal impact from smoke on our wines.

The Rouleur is from the 1999 plantings of Syrah at Olsen Ranch. The grapes were hand-harvested on September 11, before the 2020 smoke event. We destemmed 70% of the grapes and the remaining 30% was added to the fermentation tank whole cluster.

The Syrah was fermented with yeast specific for the varietal. The Syrah must was pumped over twice daily until fermentation was complete. The grapes were gently press and wine was barreled down to six 300 liter French Oak barrels, 33% new for 17 months. The Syrah was not racked and was bottled unfiltered and unfiltered.

Tasting Notes

Dark Red hue. Out of the glass aromas of huckleberry, dark red raspberry, marionberry, and blueberry EXPLODE! Underneath the *berry bomb* are notes of dried lavender, pie crust, toasted vanilla bean, French oak perfume. The mouthfeel is balanced, fresh with flavors that mirror the aromas. The Rouleur is delicious and beautiful.

About Northwest Syrah

The first planting of Washington Syrah was in 1986 at Red Willow Vineyard. From there Syrah expanded across the state and into the Oregon side of Walla Walla. Now Syrah is the third highest volume red wine grape in Washington. It appears there are two styles of Syrah produced here. The feminine "*Pinot*" style and the funky masculine "*Rocks*" style. Both have interesting characters worthy of enjoyment. The Rouleur is in the former camp of Northwest Syrah.

Ingredients & Additions

Ingredients and Additions: Syrah grapes, yeast nutrients, tartaric acid, oak, and SO₂.

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