



## 2017 WW Syrah Walla Walla Valley

### Vintage Notes

Ah, a classic bone-chilling, damp Oregon winter. That's the ticket. The vines pushed through in mid-April, only to be followed by a roller coaster of weather — record highs and lows throughout the late spring and summer kept us guessing, and thinning crop as necessary. Huge fires in the Columbia Gorge and Southern Oregon meant delayed maturation due to smoke, leading to higher acidity levels.

Wise decision-making in the vineyard was key to the success of this vintage. Pondering the potential effects of each decision, and good, old-fashioned prognostication go hand-in-hand in years like this. It was possibly the most unusual, thought-provoking vintage to date. We played our cards beautifully, and are thrilled with the results. We know you will be, too.

90pts "Year's Best US Syrah" Wine & Spirits

### Tasting Notes

Purple-garnet plum color for a classic Northwest Syrah, showing chunky but spicy, lean fruit and elegance on the nose; exhibits broad, soft, salty, marionberry, lilac, purple blossom, spice and brambly/tomato leaf aromas; chewy, meaty, BBQ charred, moderately tannic, barrel cedar-caramel-and-spice flavors and impressions make for an interesting, complex palate; the wine has a mid-palate persistence and long finish, is loosely jointed, with firm, slightly dry tannins showing lean rather than lush, against a minor alcohol and classic dusty, almond, reductive Syrah backdrop.

### Technical Data

**Alcohol - 15.3%**

**TA - 6.0 g/L**

**pH 3.53**

**Cases Produced - 106**

**Release Date - Feb 2020**





# Trading Wine

## starting a new tradition

We live in the land of Pinot Noir, with plantings of that grape representing two-thirds of total planted acreage in the Willamette Valley. And we love it! We also have the oldest block of Gamay Noir in the Valley, which brings us joy in farming, producing and consuming. But different occasions call for different wines, so when one of our friends in the Walla Walla Valley reached out about trading some of their coveted Syrah for our Ribbon Ridge Pinot Noir, we jumped at the chance.

***The chance to experiment with a grape that we were familiar with drinking and eager to see how it would evolve in our cellar.***

**- Wynne Peterson-Nedry**

Now that we've got one vintage in bottle, another one in the cellar and the third arriving any day, we are ready to share the results with you. And you will be playing a key role in the development of this project, we hope. We are committed to Stelvin screw caps with Pinot Noir, Gamay Noir and the white wines we produce because we have the history and data to back up the undeniable benefits it provides to long-term aging. But with Syrah, we are not sure. So we have bottled about half under screwcap, almost half under natural cork and a few cases under Diam for later trials. Join us on this new adventure and let us know what you think.

*Age-worthy wines from the first vines on Ribbon Ridge.*