

# BARNARD GRIFFIN

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## 2014 Orange Muscat- COLUMBIA VALLEY

**Harvested:** 9/23/14

**Date of first Bottling:** February, 2015

**Quantity bottled:** 411 cases

**Vineyard Locations and AVA's :** Crawford Vineyard (Yakima Valley) Lonesome Spring Ranch (Yakima Valley)

**Vintage Notes:** The 2014 growing season was punctuated by extreme heat in mid-summer and a marvelous sunny September. Our region was warm from start to finish and had little rainfall to deter us. The consistency of the season allowed us to capture as many heat units as we could manage. Harvest happened upon us early- we brought in Sagemoor Block 6 Sauvignon Blanc on August 24th (a record!), weeks before we've started in years past. It was a slow start- a few whites trickling in over the next weeks until we hit our stride with Chardonnay in mid-September. Merlot and Syrah came in shortly after that and we wrapped in late October with the Cabernet Sauvignons. Expect 2014 wines to have solid acidity, big flavor and ripe richness.

**wine pH:** 3.75 | **Total acidity:** .7 | **Residual Sugar:** 5.3% | **Alcohol:** 11.4%

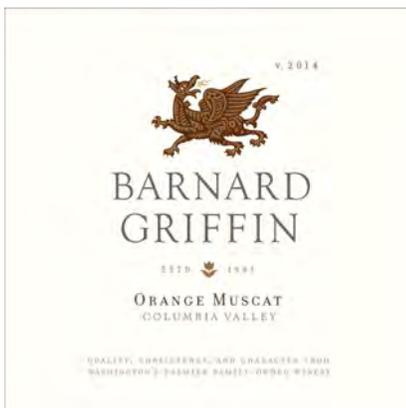
**Varietal Composition:** 100% Orange Muscat

**Malolactic status:** Negative

**Winemaking:** Cool fermented in stainless steel to retain fruit intensity. Held between 55-60 degrees fermentation temperature. Stopped fermentation naturally to retain sweetness

**Winemaker's Comments:** This vibrant white bursts with orange sickle, orange zest and floral notes. Refreshing acidity provides a welcome balance to a wonderfully succulent, ripe-tasting core of flavors. This is a perfect wine to have on hand as an aperitif or pair it with light cheeses and meats.

  
Rob Griffin, Proprietor-Winemaker



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## 2015 Orange Muscat- COLUMBIA VALLEY

**Harvested:** 9/3/15

**Date of first Bottling:** May, 2016 | **Quantity bottled:** 119 cases

**Vineyard Locations and AVA's :** Crawford Vineyard (Yakima Valley) Lonesome Spring Ranch (Yakima Valley)

**Vintage Notes:** The 2014 harvest was the earliest harvest in my 38 years...until 2015. We brought in Pinot Gris from the Caroway Vineyard on August 17th, a full week before our record early harvest in 2014, making it weeks ahead of a 'normal' year. Washington experienced an unquestionably warm June: we hit 100 degrees within the first week and hovered in and around the 90s until the end of the month, where we spent nearly two weeks in an uninterrupted streak of over 100 degree weather. Even at the summer's hottest, nightly temperatures were often a 40 to 50 degree swing from the high, allowing acids to develop and mature. The 2014 winter and a lack of a snowpack in the mountains left us with less water than most years; thankfully most of our vineyards were unaffected by drought-like conditions due to the strategy and diligence of their respective vineyard managers. Even with the influence of enormous heat, 2015 whites will have pleasing acid with balance and rich, bright fruit, while the reds will have soft tannin structure and intensely ripe, mature flavors. I was initially very cautious about this year because of its extraordinary conditions, but as it progresses I become more and more optimistic about the very fine quality in spite of the unusual weather.

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**Winemaker's Comments:** Delivers a lively mouthful of orange and tangerine flavors with just a touch of pear and lime. Wonderfully rich, complex and fragrant! A great summer sipper that works well as a solo act or as an accompaniment to light cheeses and meats.

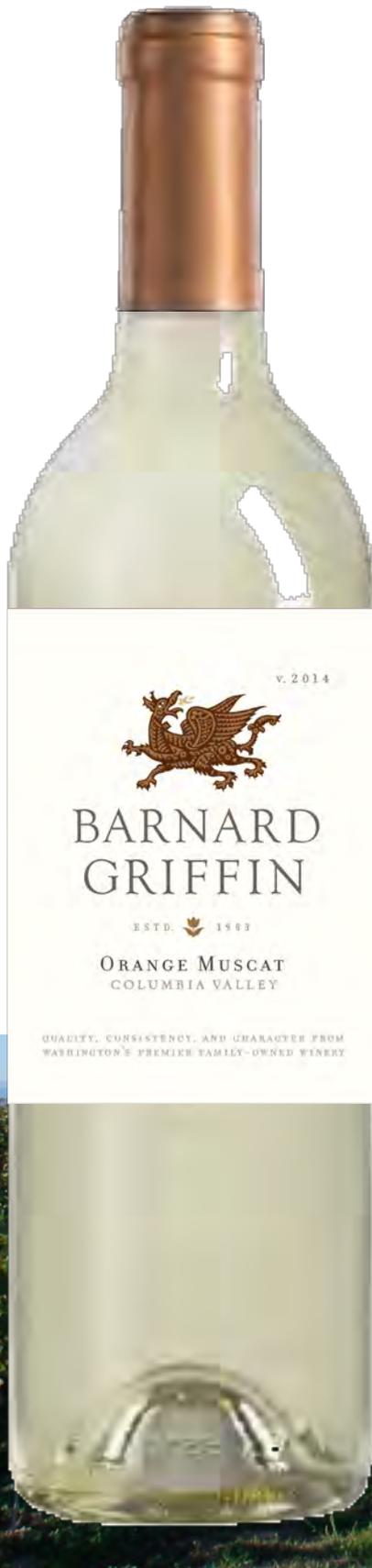
  
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