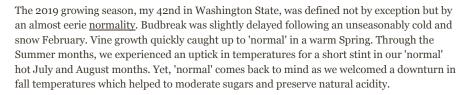


# 2019 Syrah Port

# Columbia Valley, Washington

## VINTAGE



Summer heat summations (our benchmark for vine growth) trended a week ahead of long-term averages. When compared to our most recent vintages, heat summations actually were a touch behind. Historically, however, we have to view this as 'normal' in a warming environment. 2019 lacked the scorching warmth of recent Summers and there was a welcome reprieve from regional forest fire smoke. Maturation proceeded at a desirable pace with solid grape acidity and moderate fruit sugars. This desirable pace allowed for crisp balanced whites and rich restrained reds. The only blemish on an otherwise fine season was an early freeze in the second week of October which brought harvest in many locations to an early and speedy conclusion. Cabernet Sauvignon grown at higher altitudes was spared from the freeze and virtually all other reds were safely harvested by this time.

All in all 2019 yielded crisp whites with heightened fruit character and balanced reds of moderate alcohol, dense body and mature flavors.

# HARVEST & WINEMAKING

Blend of 90.5% Syrah 2.7% Tempranillo  $\,3.2\%$  Toringa National  $\,3.6\%$  Souzao

Pumpovers 2 times daily; pressed at 11% sugar; peak fermentation temperature 85 degrees; aged 18+ months in barrel using new and neutral European oak.



### TASTING NOTES

Just a whiff of chocolaty, toasty wood gives way to fabulous aromas of cherry and raspberry. Richly-fruited and thickly layered, boasting a stylish streak of blueberry fruit.

### VINEYARDS

Arete Vineyard | Columbia Valley Desert Aire Vineyard | Wahluke Slope Shaw Vineyard | Red Mountain

### **DETAILS**

ABV | 18.83% pH | 3.8 TA | .73 RS | 5.8% ML | 100%

BARNARD GRIFFIN