

# WINE FACT SHEET

2008 SYRAH  
COLUMBIA VALLEY

**Vineyard:** Goose Ridge

Sheltered from Seattle's maritime climate by the towering Cascade Mountain Range, this 1,400 acre vineyard receives less than 8" of rainfall annually. It is a gently sloped, south-facing site adjacent to Red Mountain. Long, warm summer days and cool nights produce grapes noted for their ripe, rich character.

Committed to sound viticultural practices, all vines are planted on original rootstock. South to North row orientation for maximum solar exposure, drip irrigation, managed crop loads, and canopy adjustments consistently yield fruit of exceptional character and complexity.

The Columbia Valley AVA is a very large growing region, with 11-million acres of land in total. Most of Columbia Valley and its six sub-appellations lie in Washington State, with a small section in Oregon stretching from The Dalles to Milton-Freewater. The region is 185 miles wide and 200 miles long.

## TASTING NOTES:

Dark color and expressive aromas of ripe blackberry and sweet black cherry fruit with strong roasted coffee bean accents. Rich blackberry, cassis and licorice on the palate is supported by sturdy, supple tannins and lightly toasted oak tones.

**Oak Ageing:** 26 months on light toast French oak

**PH:** 3.77

**TA:** .509 g/100ml

**VA:** .050

**TA02 :** 120

**Malo-lactic:** .009

**Residual Sugar:** .0009

**Alcohol %:** 13.7

**Production:** 515 cases

This Syrah pairs well with robust, hearty foods, including grilled or braised meats. Lamb is a classic pairing. Full-flavored dishes, thick stews and herby grilled vegetables are other ideal matches.



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