

WINE FACT SHEET

2009 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:

Sweet smoke and leather open the bouquet of this intense wine. Dark chocolate, cassis and blackberry jam continue in the nose with notes of blueberry at the close. Rich, flavorful palate follows nose with more blackberry flavors, vanilla and soft oak. Smoky meat attributes of a traditional Syrah. Fresh mulberry and nutmeg in the long finish.

Oak Aging: 36 months on light toast French oak

PH: 4.01

Total Acidity: 5.6 g/l

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Residual Sugar: 0

Alcohol %: 13.8

Production: 208 cases

Try pairing this this Syrah with kale salad with fresh julienned apple, dried cherries and toasted almond, topped with BBQ Rib-eye steak.



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