

Syrah

2013

Blend:

83% Syrah

17% Tempranillo

Alcohol: 14.5% abv **TA:** 6.22 g/L **pH:** 3.71**Case Production:** 414 cases**Date Bottled:** 5/14/15**Grape Source(s):**

Syrah: Crawford Vineyard, Yakima Valley AVA, WA

Tempranillo: Knolls Ranch, San Joaquin County AVA, CA

Aging: 17 Months in oak barrels

76% 1 year American

18% new American

6% 1 year French

Winemaker Notes: 2013 was an interesting vintage in Washington. Although the first half was very hot, the second half was more moderate with large swings between the daytime highs and nighttime lows causing some grapes to ripen with both high sugar and high acid. Since our Syrah from Crawford Vineyard in Yakima is a good example of this, we blended in a little of our low acid Tempranillo from California to balance out the final blend. For our oak program, we chose to respect the velvety tannins and rich, concentrated fruit by aging in mostly 1 year oak with a little new Kentucky American to add just a hint of mocha to the bouquet.

Tasting Notes: Velvety and rich, our Syrah has powerful and concentrated flavors of dark berry and mocha.

Awards:

Gold - 2017 San Francisco International Wine Competition - 91 Points

Pairing Suggestions:

- Cheese: Gouda, Parmesan, or Pecorino
- Osso bucco
- Cassoulet
- Grilled Duck
- Eggplant Parmesan

Price: \$25.00

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