



EIGHT BELLS

2016
Syrah
8 Clones

Red Willow Vineyard
Yakima Valley



VINEYARD HISTORY

Red Willow Vineyard is the furthest western vineyard within the Yakima Valley AVA. Located inside of the Yakama Indian Reservation, the land has been an active farm since the 1920s. In 1971, Mike Sauer planted his first wine grapes making Red Willow one of the oldest vineyards in Washington State. Vines are grown on steep hillsides, with unique formations of soils unlike any other.

BLOCK HISTORY

Our '8 Clones' Syrah block is planted adjacent to Red Willow's 1986 Syrah block that was the first Syrah planted in Washington state. The block lies just north of the famed Chapel Block and above the Missoula floodplain. Because of this, the block features diverse ancient soils of volcanic pumice, sandstone and volcanic ash that date back 5-6 million years. Vines were planted in 2005 at 1100' in elevation. The 8 Clones are; Phelps, Shiraz 03, 100, 300, 877, 08 (Durell), 09 (Espiguette) and 10 (Pont-de-la-Maye). We co-ferment all of these clones together with Viognier and Grenache.



VINTAGE SPECIFICS

BLEND COMPOSITION: Co-ferment of 94% Syrah, 3% Viognier & 3% Grenache

HEAT UNITS: 3204 (2850 is average in Red Willow)

PICK DATE: 8/30 to 9/8/2016

VINIFICATION

FERMENTATION LENGTH: 7 days

BARRELS: 37% New French, 12% New American in 500 L Puncheoms

AGING: 18 months *surlie* with stirring once a month

PRODUCTION

CASES PRODUCED: 275

BOTTLING DATE: 4/3/2018

RELEASE DATE: 6/6/2019

CHEMISTRY

ABV: 14.4 %

TITRATABLE ACIDITY: 6.9 g/L

pH: 3.73

SO2: 51 ppm

CRITIC'S CORNER

92 Points- Jeb Dunnuck

"A blend of eight different clones of Syrah. This medium ruby-hued effort offers a complex bouquet of black raspberries, rocky minerality, spring flowers and blood orange. Made in an elegant, medium-bodied style, it has silky tannins and wonderful balance."

