



2018 GSM Rogue Valley

At Iris Vineyards we look to showcase the potential of these varietals when planted in the proper place and in the hands of dedicated growers along with the contribution of careful vinification and blending by our winemaker and cellar staff.

TECHNICAL DATA

VARIETIES 43% Grenache, 31% Syrah, 24% Mourvedre, 2% Viognier

AVA Rogue Valley

TA 6.2g/L

RESIDUAL SUGAR 0.2g/L

ALCOHOL 14.9%

ELEVAGE 100% French oak, 9% new

CLONES FPS 1A, Hermitage, ENTAV 470 and 877, Mourvedre and Viognier

VINEYARDS Naumes, Steelhead Run, and Folin Vineyards

SOIL TYPES Newberg, Camas and Evans

HARVESTED October 2018

BOTTLED September 2019

CELLARING 1-5 years

RELEASED February 2020

CASES 203

WINEMAKER Aaron Lieberman

PROPRIETOR Pamela Frye

SRP: \$27.99

WINEMAKER NOTES

Like Syrah, I have long been passionate about this traditional blend of Rhone varietals. Each source vineyard was carefully selected for the quality of grapes produced and then each parcel was harvested separately, at peak maturity. The grapes were mostly destemmed with 10% of Syrah being fermented whole cluster along with the destemmed portion of Syrah and all of the Viognier. The other two varietals were fermented separately. Once fermentation and aging in barrel were complete, the individual lots were blended together to build complexity and interest. The 2018 vintage provided us with high quality grapes, generously fruit forward yet structured and balanced.

VINTAGE DESCRIPTION

The 2018 vintage got off to a slightly slow start with budbreak occurring about 1 week later than the 25 year average in many parts of the Rogue Valley. Winter and spring rainfall were less than average. Wide ranging temperature cycles following budbreak were still warm enough overall that bloom and veraison both occurred on about the average dates. Yield for the year was slightly higher than average and harvest wound up being about a week earlier than the 25 year average in spite of multiple rainstorms during the ripening period.

Awards and Accolades

Gold – *Great Northwest Wine Invitational*