

Iris
VINEYARDS



2020 STEELHEAD RUN SYRAH

Applegate Valley

World-class, award winning wines from grapes grown at Steelhead Run Vineyard.

WINEMAKER NOTES

Syrah has always been a varietal for which I've had a particularly strong passion. The folks at Steelhead Run Vineyard share this passion and it shows in the high quality grapes they grow year after year. Several clones are grown at Steelhead and, after speaking with the grower, we decided on this blend of clones plus a small amount of Viognier to arrive at the flavor profile I had in mind which is fruit forward but with plenty of spice. The grapes were hand picked on October 5th and transported to our winery in a refrigerated truck. Upon arrival we destemmed to 1.25 ton fermenters and inoculated the same day. Fermentation lasted 14 days. We pressed at dryness directly to barrel, allowing 5 months of full lees contact before racking to tank and then back to barrel.

VINTAGE DESCRIPTION

Warmer than the Willamette Valley, Southern Oregon had a wet start in the spring followed by some heat spikes near bloom. Neither of those conditions continued through the rest of the growing season. There was very little frost pressure during bud break or harvest. The warm days and cool nights of summer led into a great September. The vines did very well and the grapes had a good balance of sugar, acid, and flavor. The berries came through harvest with good chemistry and high color concentration in the red wines.

TECHNICAL DATA

VARIETIES 95% Syrah, 5% Viognier

AVA Applegate Valley

TA 5.4g/L

RESIDUAL SUGAR <0.1g/L

ALCOHOL 14.5%

pH 3.73

ELEVAGE 100% French Oak, 67% two-year-old barrels

CLONES Hermitage, Entav 470, 877, and 383

VINEYARDS Steelhead Run Vineyard

SOIL TYPES Newberg, Camas and Evans

HARVESTED October 2020

BOTTLED September 2021

CELLARING 2-7 years

RELEASED Nov 2022

CASES 75

WINEMAKER Aaron Lieberman
PROPRIETOR Pamela Frye

SRP: \$29.99