

2016 K Skull Syrah

Chapter two. As the aromas lift, I can't turn the page fast enough. Black plum, cool ash, velvet drapes, dense yet airy with room for everything. The everything...crushed stone, sandalwood, black olive. The texture as smooth as the pages of a well-aged book. Truly poetry. My poem.

Current & Past Scores

94 Points, *Robert Parker's Wine Advocate*

"The 2016 Skull Syrah has more power than the "Heart" Syrah and shows more density and strength with black-fruited aromas on the nose. The full-bodied palate is rich and structured with gripping tannins that take over the fruit expressions. Ending with a tight grippy finish, the Skull lingers with a bold and expressive nature that needs time to come around.."

Vineyard

The vineyards we work with are farmed using the most up to date sustainable practices.

Stoneridge Vineyard (100%): Alluvial fan gravel bed, the site rests above the flood plain of the Columbia River. Under the topsoil is a layer of caliche and basalt 6-12" deep, creating a calcium and iron rich media that forces roots to struggle.

Vintage

The 2016 vintage started early and warm in Washington State. When summer arrived, the season saw cooler evenings that helped retain acidity, extended the growing and ripening period into September and October. This allowed the fruit to gain more complexity and deeper charm without sacrificing the acid or producing higher alcohol content. The vintage has created deeply rich and focused wines that we will be able to enjoy for a long time to come.

Blend

100% Syrah

Appellation

Washington State

Production

Yield: 2.1 tons per acre
100% whole cluster fermentation
Native yeast
48 days on skins
100% neutral puncheons
26 months barrel-aged on lees

Wine Analysis

5.5 g/L titratable acidity
3.99 pH
14.5% alcohol
No residual sugar

