

# B. Leighton

## 2016 B. Leighton Syrah

This wine makes me happy. It's so pure, so restrained, yet soon... it explodes with black plum, black olive, black pepper and licorice. It doesn't stop there... it explodes Asian floral prettiness that moves into forest floor, cured meat, charred herbs and clove. The texture is warm and inviting and just feels... like a celebration.

### Current & Past Scores

#### 96 Points, *Jeb Dunnuck* (formerly of *Robert Parker's Wine Advocate*)

"The 2016 Syrah comes from a site in the Yakima Valley that was planted by Leighton. Its deep ruby/purple color is followed by classic Syrah notes of dark berry fruits, smoke tobacco, olive tapenade, and ground pepper. Medium to full-bodied, with both freshness and richness, it's impeccably balanced, with beautiful fruit and a great finish. It's another seriously good wine from Brennon that delivers the goods. Drink it over the coming 7-8 years."

#### 96 Points, *James Suckling*

"Super fragrant and attractive aromas of wild berries, spices and pepper, as well as dark stones and orange-zest nuances. This has exceptionally defined fruit and length. Really superior definition and concentration are what sets this apart. Tastes of dark cherries, blood plums and dark chocolate with a weave of fine spice and pepper. Plenty here already, but much more to come. Try from 2024."

### Vineyard

**Olsen Brothers** (100%): Olsen Brothers is located on the Northwest bend of the Yakima River as it turns North at Red Mountain. The elevation averages about 1000 feet and the soils are sandy with broken basalt.

### 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

Yakima Valley

### Production

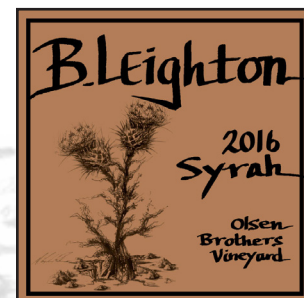
Yield: 2.8 tons per acre  
100% whole cluster pressed  
Yeast: native  
37 days on skins  
100% neutral French oak puncheons  
18 months barrel-aged on lees

### Wine Analysis

6.1 g/L titratable acidity  
4.00 pH  
13.5% alcohol  
No residual sugar

### UPC

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