

B. Leighton

2020 B. LEIGHTON GRATITUDE

TASTING NOTES BY WINEMAKER BRENNON LEIGHTON

"Thankful, humbled, and delighted" are my thoughts on the 2020 vintage, and Gratitude is an absolute representation of this incredibly beautiful vintage and wine. Marionberry, dried blueberry, blood orange and white lilac intrigue-and-collide with the senses, demanding further evaluation of this beauty, elegance and complexity. Forest floor, honeysuckle, fresh sourdough bread, nutmeg, and more to discover!

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2020 vintage might be the best vintage that we have ever had in Washington state history. We had an incredible growing season that was long and temperate, allowing the fruit to ripen evenly. The wines are focused, rich, complex and lively. The reds are restrained and elegant, yet powerful with incredible tension and balance. Our white and rosé wines are wonderfully rich on the palate but balanced with enough acid to make the wines complete. We are excited to see how these wines evolve!

CURRENT SCORES

94 Points, *Anthony Mueller–Robert Parker's Wine Advocate*

"...offers seductive red fruit tones with notions of potpourri and dusty cherry blossoms. The wine is medium to full-bodied on the palate, with succulent flavors of spiced red plum, pink peppercorn and juicy black raspberry and lifting tannins over the food-friendly and succulent finish. Just over 8,000 bottles were filled. Bravo!"

94 Points, *James Suckling*

"This is a co-fermented field blend of 70% mourvedre, 25% grenache and 5% syrah. Cracked black pepper, smoked meats, olives and wild herbs on the nose, before evolving to juicy, sweet and perfectly-ripe berry and plum fruit. Supple and sleek, with a full body and creamy, seamless tannins. Joyful. Drink or hold."

93 Points, *Eric Guido–Vinous*

"...wickedly spicy and fresh ... cooling on the nose, with a white pepper flourish that gives way to dusty red currants and clove hints. Its textures are silky and soothing, with ripe strawberry and black cherry accentuated by rosy inner florals that form toward the close. This lingers impossibly long while maintaining a lovely freshness, as nuances of black raspberry and red inner florals slowly fade. It's like something that's straight from the South of France. Very nice."

93 Points, *Jeb Dunnuck*

"Coming all from basalt soils and mostly Mourvèdre ... sports a translucent ruby hue as well as a great nose of spiced red and black fruits, peppery spice, and assorted meaty nuances. It's medium to full-bodied, has fine tannins, and an overriding sense of elegance ... it's perfect for enjoying over the coming 7-8 years or so."

VINEYARD

Olsen Brothers Vineyard (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.

WINEMAKING

Varietal Breakdown: 75% Mourvedre, 20% Grenache, 5% Syrah (co-fermented)

Appellation: Yakima Valley

Production: 2.3 tons per acre, native yeast, 100% whole cluster fermentation in concrete tanks, 35 days on skins | 18 months on lees in neutral French oak demi muids | 674 cases

Wine Analysis: 5.3 g/L titratable acidity, 3.85 pH, 14% alcohol, no residual sugar

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