



2015 PATTERSON CELLARS SYRAH



TECHNICAL DATA

AVA: Columbia Valley

VARIETAL COMPOSITION: 100% Syrah

VINEYARD SOURCES: Alder Ridge, Chandler Reach, Stillwater Creek

CELLAR TREATMENT: 100% French oak, 25% new

PRODUCTION: 288 cases

ALCOHOL: 14.8% by volume

TASTING NOTES

Medium dark purple in color, our 2015 Patterson Cellars Syrah is intensely aromatic with dark berries, herbs and lovely sweet-smoky overtones. Toasted graham crackers, blackberry preserves, sage and lavender dominate the nose. Flavors of blackberry, dark cherry, raspberry, vanilla, and dark chocolate compliment a velvety full body refreshed by mouthwatering acidity. The opening aromas and just a hint of minerality linger on the long, smooth finish. Pair the 2015 Syrah with any barbecued or smoked red meat this summer, or with a nice grilled rib-eye anytime!

PRODUCTION NOTES

2015 was a record hot year in eastern Washington, leading to some record early picks. Syrah from Chandler Reach arrived at the winery on Sept 6. Two days of cold soak followed by six days primary fermentation. Syrah from Alder Ridge came in on September 20, nearly a whole month earlier than the same fruit in 2017. After two days of cold soak we inoculated and primary fermentation lasted 9 days. The 2015 vintage was racked twice during aging. Blending and bottling took place in May and early June 2017.