

SEQUEL

2022 SEQUEL SYRAH COLUMBIA VALLEY

TASTING NOTES:

Deeply colored and expressive, the 2022 Sequel Syrah is bold and beautifully balanced. Dark, spicy aromas lead to layered flavors of bright cherry, wild blueberry, and violet, interwoven with sweet spice, black olive tapenade, charcuterie, and a hint of rosemary. This well-structured wine offers depth and complexity, with ample mid-palate richness and mouth-filling viscosity. Silky, refined tannins extend through a long, concentrated finish to leave a lasting impression.

VINTAGE:

The 2022 Columbia Valley growing season brought challenges, rewards, and ultimately, a vintage to celebrate. Winemaker Gilles Nicault worked closely with growers on canopy management to ensure a balanced vine and aggressive thinning at veraison to promote even ripening. Moderate autumn temperatures provided ideal hangtime for the grapes to reach physiological maturity. The resulting wines showcase vibrant color, impeccable structure, and expressive, layered flavors.

BLEND:

100% SYRAH

ALCOHOL: 15.4%

PH: 3.80

TA: 0.53 GRAMS/100ML

PRODUCTION: 2,158 CASES



WINEMAKING:

To extract richness while preserving Syrah's refined texture, winemaker Gilles Nicault employs three fermentation techniques to craft Sequel. Whole-cluster fermentation enhances structure and mouthfeel, while submerged cap fermentation deepened aromatics and concentration. The remaining lots undergo the Australian "rack and return" method, where the tank is drained, and juice is gently reintroduced over the skins twice daily to enhance color and depth. Aged 18 months in French oak barrels, 65% new, to achieve balance and complexity.

VINEYARDS:

The 2022 Sequel Syrah is comprised of two primary vineyards, each contributing distinctive qualities to the wine. Red Heaven Vineyard on Red Mountain provides structure and backbone, while Stone Tree Vineyard on the Wahluke Slope enhances the wine's depth and expressive Syrah character. A small portion of old-vine Syrah from Bacchus Vineyard adds richness and dark fruit intensity, rounding out Sequel to give it a bold, layered style.