

SEQUEL

2023 SEQUEL SYRAH COLUMBIA VALLEY

TASTING NOTES:

A beautiful, expressive Syrah, deeply colored, with aromas of black olive tapenade and dark spice. Ripe, concentrated flavors of black currant and black cherry are accented by peppercorn and savory spices. Plush and opulent, the 2023 Sequel is a richly textured wine with silky tannins that stretch across a long, balanced finish.

VINTAGE:

The 2023 vintage delivered low yields and exceptional quality, resulting in intensely flavorful wines. A cool spring delayed bud break before a sudden May heatwave accelerated early growth. Consistent warmth through July and August supported steady ripening, though veraison progressed slowly and required careful canopy management to ensure even maturity. By mid-September, the Columbia Valley returned to its classic pattern of warm days and cool nights, preserving acidity while building flavor. Mild temperatures extended into late October, providing valuable hang time to reach full physiological ripeness.

BLEND:

100% SYRAH

ALCOHOL: 15%

PH: 3.94

TA: 0.53 GRAMS/100ML

PRODUCTION: 2,271 CASES



WINEMAKING:

Syrah's delicate skins require gentle handling during fermentation to draw out richness without extracting bitter tannins, so a variety of fermentation techniques are used to build a wide spectrum of flavor. Whole-cluster fermentation boosts viscosity, while submerged-cap fermentation enhances structure and mouthfeel. Select lots undergo an Australian method known as "rack and return," in which the tank is drained twice daily. The juice is then reintroduced over the cap to deepen color and concentration without imparting harsh tannins. After fermentation, the wine aged 18 months in oak barrels (65% new).

VINEYARDS:

The 2023 Sequel brings together four distinct vineyards to create a layered, complex Syrah. Boushey Vineyard (Yakima Valley) makes up nearly half the blend, lending brightness and a subtle spicy note. Equal parts Stone Tree Vineyard (Wahluke Slope) and Bacchus Vineyard (White Bluffs) Syrah deepen the wine with dark, intensely concentrated flavors. Sonnet Vineyard's Shiraz clone (Horse Heaven Hills) adds extra dimension, sharpening the wine's black currant edge.