



2010 Sequel Syrah
Columbia Valley
John Duval, Winemaker

After 16 years as winemaker for Australia's iconic Penfolds Grange, John Duval came to the Columbia Valley in 2003 as the "sequel" to his life's work with Syrah.

Tasting Notes: Deep and inky in color with vibrant aromas of wild blackberries, crushed rock, smoked meats and spicy oak. Concentrated dark fruit flavors are accented by a savory mid-palate and excellent acidity that provides a seamlessly balanced finish.

Vintage: Cool spring temperatures delayed flowering and reduced fruit set, while the summer temperatures remained moderate. In response to these conditions, we opened up the leaf canopies and dropped clusters so that the vines were well positioned to finish ripening when the warm weather arrived in the fall. The 2010 vintage was a cooler than average growing season that produced bright, fresh wines with excellent acidity, color, flavor and varietal character.

Winemaking: Carefully selected, hand-harvested grapes underwent a variety of fermentation techniques to produce a wide spectrum of flavors. An Australian technique known as "rack and return" that requires draining the tank twice daily and gently putting the juice back over the top of the skins was employed to extract color and optimal richness. The finished wine was aged 18 months in French oak (65% new) barrels.

Vineyards: Syrah from Yakima Valley's Boushey Vineyard (40%) gives Sequel its bright, fresh fruit character. These grapes are the perfect complement to the dense, dark fruit grown at Bacchus Vineyard (23%), from one of the oldest Syrah blocks in the state. Grapes from Candy Mountain (26%), adjacent to Red Mountain, give the wine its backbone. The remaining Syrah is grown at Sonnet Vineyard at The Benches in the Horse Heaven Hills, planted to a Shiraz clone that John recommended for its dark, rich and complex character. Dionysus Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon contributes structure and adds to the wine's appealing mid-palate.

Alcohol: 14.8%

pH: 3.72

TA: 0.62grams / 100ml

Blend: 93% Syrah; 7% Cabernet Sauvignon

Release Date: December 2013

Production: 1,216 cases