

SEQUEL

2021 SEQUEL SYRAH COLUMBIA VALLEY

CREATED IN COLLABORATION WITH ICONIC WINEMAKER JOHN DUVAL, WHO CRAFTED AUSTRALIA'S MOST CELEBRATED WINE, PENFOLDS GRANGE, THIS ALLURING SYRAH IS PRODUCED BY LONG SHADOWS' DIRECTOR OF WINEMAKING, GILLES NICAULT.

TASTING NOTES:

Luxuriously rich and supple in texture, the 2021 Sequel Syrah offers stylish notes of black olive tapenade, hints of bacon fat, and a captivating floral essence of fresh violets that set the stage for this deeply layered wine. On the palate, ripe plums, black cherry, and a hint of sweet spice weave a tapestry of complex flavors that stretch across the finish and leave a lasting impression.

VINTAGE:

The 2021 vintage will be remembered for low yields and extreme temperatures stretching from late June to the beginning of July. The early summer heat wave was followed by ideal weather, with warm days and cool nights extending well into October. The combination of low yields and extra hang time allowed the grapes to reach full physiological maturity, resulting in a vintage marked by balanced wines with great concentration and flavor.

BLEND:
100% SYRAH

ALCOHOL: 15.1%
PH: 3.96
TA: 0.49 GRAMS/100ML
PRODUCTION: 2,127 CASES



WINEMAKING:

To extract full richness from Syrah's delicate skin without imparting bitter tannins, grapes undergo a meticulous fermentation process involving one of three techniques. The first method, whole-cluster fermentation, enhances the finished wine's viscosity and backbone. Submerged cap fermentation elevates aromatic complexity and concentration. Finally, an Australian technique known as "rack and return," which requires draining the tank twice daily and gently reintroducing the juice over the skins, is used to extract color and build richness. Following this careful fermentation process, the wine is aged 18 months in French oak barrels, 65% new.

VINEYARDS:

Three distinct Columbia Valley growing regions, each representing almost a third of the blend, are selected to create a complex, multi-layered wine. Yakima Valley's Boushey Vineyard gives Sequel its bright, vibrant character. A collection of top Red Mountain vineyards lends ripe character and structure. Bacchus Vineyard Block 5 Syrah, planted in 1993, adds intense color and black fruit, with a small amount of Shiraz clone from Sonnet Vineyard in the Horse Heaven Hills adding black currant aromas and flavors.