

# Keegan's Blend

2012 | YAKIMA VALLEY SYRAH



100% Syrah

50% Dutchman Vineyard Syrah  
Joseph Phelps Clone  
50% Olsen Ranch Vineyard Syrah  
Clone 877

## TECHNICAL INFORMATION

pH 3.95

TA: 5.1

RS: <0.5 g/liter

14.5% alcohol

52 cases produced



## Harvest and Winemaking

Olsen Ranch Syrah clone 877 was picked on October 6. Clone 877 Syrah is one of the new ENTAV Syrah clones from France that is being experimented with in Washington State. Dutchman Vineyard Syrah Joseph Phelps clone was planted in 1991 making it the second oldest Syrah vineyard in Washington. We harvested the Syrah on October 29.

Both lots of Syrah were hand harvested and hand sorted. The Olsen Ranch Syrah had 12.5% whole cluster tossed into the fermenting bin (via pitchfork). Dutchman Syrah had 25% whole clusters pitchforked in the bins. Native yeast we allowed to conduct the fermentation and only the free run wine is in Keegan's Blend.

Denise and Brett Isenhower selected the best barrel (Tonnellerie Remond Allier and Remond Betranges Medium Long) from each lot to create Keegan's

Blend. The wine was blended in August 2013 and bottled in August 2014. Only 52 cases produced. Artwork by Keegan Isenhower, age 8

## Tasting

yummy nose...absolute antithesis of funky/earthy Syrah's: more beauty and artistic. Wonderful aromatic concentration. Blue fruit focused wine with black artist's ink and subtle tight-grained oak.

Full, rich, bright fruit immediately with nice acidity. Fine to medium tannins that build along the way supporting an even finish (all in balance) with nice length. Keegan's Blend Syrah is a statement for a style of Syrah that is more beautiful than the earthy/funky style that seems in vogue. Artwork by Keegan Isenhower, Age 8.

Denise and Brett Isenhower founded their winery in 1999. They are committed to sustainable winemaking through low input farming, native yeast fermentation, natural corks, American made bottles, no capsules, and recycled paper labels.

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