

Keegan's Blend

2013 YAKIMA VALLEY



100 % Syrah

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

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

pH: 3.98

TA: 5.325 g/liter

RS: 0.2 g/liter

14.5% alc. by vol.

46 cases produced



Harvest and Winemaking

2013 was a very warm vintage through early October when a series of Pacific storms flipped the warm summer to a cool & sunny fall. For cooler vineyard sites, like Dutchman Vineyard, this was perfect as the grapes ripening could slow down. It was the second warmest vintage in our wine-making career.

Both lots of Syrah were hand harvested and hard sorted. The Dutchman Syrah had 25% whole clusters pitchforked in the bins. Native yeast was allowed to conduct the fermentation and only the free run wine is in Keegan's blend.

We use French oak burgundy barrels (33% new) to age and develop the Syrah and allowed the wine to age sur lie for 16 months prior to bottling.

Denise and Brett Isenhower selected the best barrels from each lot to create the Keegan's Blend. The wine was blended in August 2014 and bottled in December 2015. Only 46 cases were produced. Artwork by Keegan Isenhower, age 9.

Tasting

Keegan's Blend has a deep purple opaque hue; it impentable to light. It is truly a beautiful artistic wine.

Aromas of dark fruit with a nice floral lift overlay. The mouthfeel is dense and lively with richenss and depth. Fine to medium tannins that build along the way supporting an even finish with nice length. It has an appealing tension between plush fruit to start and good tannin structure. Keegan's Blend Syrah is a statement of style that is more of beauty than the earthy/funky style that seems in vogue.

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