

GILBERT CELLARS

FINE WINES CRAFTED IN YAKIMA, WASHINGTON

Columbia Valley / Allobroges *Two Thousand and Fourteen*



VINEYARDS: 38% TWO COYOTE, 19% DOC STEWART, 15% ARTHUR'S VINEYARD, 12% WASHINGTON GOOD EARTH, 9% VERHEY AND 7% SUNLAND VINEYARDS
ASSEMBLAGE: 44% SYRAH, 38% GRENACHE & 18% MOURVEDRE
WINEMAKER: JUSTIN NEUFELD
PRODUCTION: 1250 CASES
AGING: 30 MONTHS IN 10% NEW, 90% NEUTRAL FRENCH OAK
ALCOHOL- 14.6% | TA - 6.3 g/L | pH - 3.71
BOTTLING: JUNE 27, 2017
RELEASED: MARCH 2018

TASTING NOTES: This blend greets you with a savory nose of dried herbs & citrus rind. The palate is round and lush with hints of boysenberry, clove, and cinnamon. Subtle spice and light tannin linger on the finish of this medium-bodied beauty. Best when enjoyed on its own or pair with your favorite light protein.

VINIFICATION: Fruit for this blend was destemmed, but not crushed, into 1-ton fermentation bins. The must contained approximately 25% whole berries. Some of the Syrah lots had a 3% co-fermentation with Viognier. The must had a pre-fermentation maceration of about 48 hours at 13°C. During fermentation, extraction was achieved via hand punch downs and pump over with macro aeration, several times daily. The wine fermented dry on the skins and was immediately pressed and transferred to barrel.

ELEVAGE: The wines were aged in barrel for 30 months, of which 45% were in 500L puncheons. The total blend contains 10% new French oak and 90% neutral French oak. The Syrah was racked twice in the cellar, whereas the Grenache and Mourvedre were not racked. All individual wine components, including new oak barrels, were kept separate until final blending. The wine was bottled on June 27th, 2017.

BACK LABEL: The rugged summit of Gilbert Peak is as mighty as our commitment to the agricultural lands of Washington State. Five generations of family farming in the Yakima Valley have inspired us to share the unique wines that are born of this place.

Sourced from vineyards planted along the Columbia River in southeastern Washington, this is a light bodied blend of Syrah (44%), Grenache (38%) and Mourvèdre (18%).