

# LE VIEUX PIN

## Syrah Cuvée Violette 2013

### THE WINEMAKERS NOTES

Cuvée Violette, as the name suggests, displays the perfumed and floral side of this noble grape variety. The palate is silky smooth thanks to a gentle ferment with focus on allowing the feminine and graceful qualities of Syrah to come to the foreground. While 2013 is overall an early drinking vintage, this wine can be aged for the mid term (5-7 years). It will most likely continue to improve past that age too.

### RECOMMENDED FOOD PAIRING

Duck breast with Pink peppercorn sauce. Steak Dianne with a flambe of crème de violette and cassis moutarde is a match made in heaven.

### REVIEWS

Bright and peppery, smooth black fruit. Crackles with energy - a triumph of Syrah. Fragrant, precise, flavoursome. (RH)14.2%  
Drink 2015-2025 – 17/20 | **Jancis Robinson & Richard Hemming | Purple Pages**

Violet, pepper and olive nose is really appealing. Fine, expressive, meaty black fruits palate with a sweet core of fruit wrapped in bright peppery notes. Very elegant style. – 93 pts | **Jamie Goode | WineAnorak.com**

A terrific syrah here from Le Vieux Pin, fresh and delicate, fruity and, yes, violet-scented, with more than a passing resemblance to the lighter syrahs of the northern Rhône. Tannins are very fine grained and polished, though sufficient to lend support to peppered raspberry and strawberry fruit. For current enjoyment or short term hold in the cellar' drink with a light chill to maximize the finesse. – 91 pts | **John Szabo, MS | WineAlign**

### THE DETAILS

**GRAPE VARIETY:** *Syrah co-fermented with couple percent Roussanne*

**REGION:** *North Oliver, Deadman Lake, Black Sage Bench*

**VINEYARD:** *Crowly, Deadman, le Grand Pin*

**SOIL TYPE:** *Varied*

**AGE OF VINES:** *8 to 13 year old vines*

**YIELD:** *2.84 tons/acre*

**PRODUCTION SIZE:** *891 cases*

**ALCOHOL:** *14.20%*

**AGING:** *14 months in french oak barrels (225L, 400L) - 0% new*

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| REGION  | <i>Okanagan Valley</i>  |
| TONS PER ACRE   | <i>2.84</i>   |
| GROWN   | <i>Black Sage bench, North Oliver, Okanagan Lake district</i> |
| AGING   | <i>14 months in French oak barrels, 0% new</i>                |
| PRODUCTION  | <i>891 cases</i>  |
| VINTAGE   | <i>2013</i>   |
| 14.2% alc./vol. <span style="float: right;">750 ml</span> |   |