

LE VIEUX PIN

Syrah Cuvée Violette 2015

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 co-ferment with about 1% Roussanne. The focus is on the feminine and graceful qualities of Syrah coming to the foreground. In the cellar we kid around and call this wine a syrah for Pinot Noir lovers. Wild mountain herbs and flowers mingle with pepper and spice. Red bramble fruits burst on the nose and on the palate. While 2015 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 flambé of crème de violette and cassis moutarde is a match made in heaven.

THE DETAILS

GRAPES IN BLEND:	<i>Syrah co-fermented with 1% Roussanne</i>
GROWN:	<i>52% Black Sage Bench, 44% Osoyoos Lake, 4% Golden Mile</i>
VINEYARD:	<i>Various</i>
AGE OF VINES:	<i>10-15 year old vines</i>
SOIL ORIGIN:	<i>Various</i>
SOIL TYPE:	<i>Various</i>
YIELD:	<i>3.35 tons/acre</i>
PRODUCTION SIZE:	<i>1,293 cases</i>
ALCOHOL:	<i>13.8%</i>
CLARIFICATION:	<i>Unfined, lightly filtered</i>
AGING:	<i>14 months in French oak barrels, 8% new, 5% second fill, balance in neutral barrels</i>

	
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<i>Syrah "Cuvée Violette"</i>	
VINTAGE	<i>2015</i>
GROWN	<i>Black Sage Bench, Osoyoos Lake District, Golden Mile Bench</i>
CÉPAGE	<i>99% Syrah, 1% Roussanne</i>
TONS PER ACRE	<i>3.35</i>
AGING	<i>14 months in French oak barrels, 8% new</i>
PRODUCTION	<i>1293 cases</i>