

LE VIEUX PIN

Syrah Cuvée Violette 2016

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 just over 2.5% Viognier. 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. Crunchy bramble fruit and purple flowers mingle with pepper and spice. Raspberries and saskatoon berries burst on the nose and on the palate. While 2016 is overall a structured vintage, this Cuvée is ready to be enjoyed and savoured upon release. It 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 Diane with a flambé of crème de violette and cassis moutarde is a match made in heaven.

THE DETAILS

GRAPES IN BLEND:	<i>97.4% Syrah with 2.6% Viognier co-ferment</i>
GROWN:	<i>13% Golden Mile bench, 25% Black Sage bench, 25.5% North Oliver, 36.5% Okanagan Lake district</i>
VINEYARD:	<i>Various</i>
AGE OF VINES:	<i>11-16 year old vines</i>
SOIL ORIGIN:	<i>Various</i>
SOIL TYPE:	<i>Various</i>
YIELD:	<i>3.2 tons/acre</i>
PRODUCTION SIZE:	<i>1,588 cases</i>
ALCOHOL:	<i>14.7%</i>
CLARIFICATION:	<i>Unfined, lightly filtered</i>
AGING:	<i>14 months in French oak barrels, 15% new</i>

	
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