



LE VIEUX PIN

Syrah Cuvée Violette 2023

Blackberries, Violets, Olives,
Licorice, Spice, Fleshy, Elegance

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 1.8% 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. Red bramble fruits burst on the nose and on the palate. 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.

2023 Syrah Cuvée Violette is coming from the lowest-yielding vintage since inception. The vines gave us only 1.85 tons per acre (compared to our more typical 3-4 tons/acre or those of more quantity-minded producers at 5.5+ tons). It is hypothetically somewhere between the richer, fuller, juicier 2020 and the classic balanced style of 2019 or even 2018.

RECOMMENDED FOOD PAIRING

Meat-based: Crispy-skin duck breast with a lavender honey gastrique or steak Dianne with a flambé of Crème de Violette and Cassis moutarde is a match made in heaven as well.

Plant-based: Hearty, earthy and lightly herbal food with this one. Lentil walnut meatloaf with burnt onion jus is definitely a winner.

GROWN:	South Okanagan
CÉPAGE:	98.2% Syrah, 1.8% Viognier
VINEYARD:	Various
AGE OF VINES:	15-20 year old vines
YIELD:	Average of 1.85 tons/acre
PRODUCTION:	986 cases
ALCOHOL:	13.4%
FERMENTATION:	Concrete and stainless steel
AGING:	100% in neutral French oak barrels and puncheons for 16 months



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