



GORDON

Estate

2018 *Rose ' of Syrah*

ESTATE GROWN – KAMIAK VINEYARD - COLUMBIA VALLEY, WA \$16.99 SRP



VINEYARD

Located in the South-Eastern region of the Columbia Valley, the vineyard is south-facing and is perched some 620 feet above sea-level along the Snake River. The vineyard has excellent air drainage and benefits from the river's moderating influence. The vines are sometimes blanketed by snow in the winter, but spring and summer offer sunshine and warmth allowing the grapes to ripen completely. Temperatures during the growing season can fluctuate from 95 degrees Fahrenheit the day to 55 degrees Fahrenheit at night, enabling the grapes to develop high acids and high sugar levels. With an absence of phylloxera in Washington, all of the Gordon Estate vines grow on their own rootstock yielding 'true' grape varieties. Typical vine spacing is 6' by 10', and vertical shoot positioning is applied to maximize sun exposure. Thanks to an abundance of water from wells near the shores the Snake River, the vineyard is amply supplied for irrigation.

VINTAGE NOTES

The growing season started out with a cooler than average April, delaying bud break slightly. Immediately thereafter, temperatures warmed way up. May was one of the warmest months on record and we went from being almost 2 weeks behind to right on track by the 1st of June. Bloom time weather was ideal which led to a good and consistent fruit set and those conditions remained through harvest. Heat accumulation was slightly above average (3100 GDD) making it very similar to 2017. We did not have any rain nor freezing temperatures clear into November which allowed for maximum hang time and excellent phenolic development.

WINEMAKER NOTES

Direct pressing of handpicked fruit yielded delicate color. Brief barrel aging allowed for micro-oxygenation letting the wine breath and reach it's potential. Aromas of honeydew melons. Flavors of passionfruit and white pepper with a lush full body. River rock minerality on the finish with notes of caramel.

- **COMPOSITION:** 100% Syrah
- **FERMENTATION:** 100% Stainless Steel
- **pH:** 3.30
- **TA:** 5.8 g / L
- **ALCOHOL:** 13.5%
- **PRODUCTION:** 170 Cases
- **HARVESTED:** September 2018
- **BOTTLED:** March 2019

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