

SEQUEL

2019 SEQUEL SYRAH
COLUMBIA VALLEY
JOHN DUVAL, WINEMAKER

AFTER 16 YEARS AS WINEMAKER FOR AUSTRALIA'S
ICONIC PENFOLDS GRANGE, JOHN DUVAL CAME TO
THE COLUMBIA VALLEY IN 2003 AS THE "SEQUEL" TO
HIS LIFE'S WORK WITH SYRAH.

TASTING NOTES:

One of our favorite Syrah bottlings to date, the 2019 Sequel is a deep, dark ruby color in the glass with wild blackberry and spicy black pepper aromas. Full-bodied and rich on the palate, black currant flavors weave around a core of black olive tapenade. Mouth-filling viscosity and a refined texture complement the wine's backbone to coat the palate.

A vibrant and lively impression carry the long, generous finish.

VINTAGE:

The 2019 vintage produced excellent red wines of exceptional quality and consistency. The season started slowly. Unexpected late winter snow held on until mid-March, and as a result, soils were slow to warm; April bud break was delayed, but by May, the temperatures climbed to accelerate bloom. Summer weather was mild with no heat spikes, and the temperatures stayed moderate into the fall. Grapes ripened slowly, but the pace allowed the fruit to reach full physiological maturity, resulting in a vintage notable for its fresh, elegant style.

BLEND:

100% SYRAH

ALCOHOL: 15.0%

PH: 3.82

TA: 0.65 GRAMS/100ML

PRODUCTION: 2,130 CASES



WINEMAKING:

Hand-harvested grapes underwent a variety of fermentation techniques to produce a wide spectrum of flavors. One-third of the Syrah was whole-cluster fermented to boost viscosity and enhance the wine's mouthfeel. Several lots underwent an Aussie technique known as "rack and return" that requires draining the tank twice daily, then gently putting the juice back over the top of the skins to extract color, soft tannins and aromatics without imparting harsh tannins. Finally, a small portion of the grapes underwent submerged cap fermentation to enhance structure and mouthfeel. Aged 18 months in all French oak barrels, 65% new.

VINEYARDS:

Three distinct Columbia Valley growing regions create this complex, multi-layered wine. Boushey and Den Hoed Grandview, two top vineyards, represent one-third of the blend to give Sequel its notable vibrancy. Syrah from a collection of Red Mountain vineyards comprises roughly 40% of the wine and adds impressive structure and backbone. Bacchus Vineyard Syrah adds intense color and aromatics.