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2016 SUNDOWN VINEYARD SYRAH

Rogue Valley

Sundown Vineyard represents the opulence of our Rogue Valley Syrah collection with consistent floral and ripe fruit character, age-worthy tannins and juicy acid.

GROWING SEASON

The 2016 growing season continued to push the envelope for defining the new normal in Oregon as one of the earliest on record. An unusually warm spring gave way to moderate summer conditions, which provide even growing conditions through véraison. Though it was an intense growing season due to the early start, the fruit produced resulted in wonderful concentration and complexity with characteristic natural acidity.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Of all the Rogue Valley vineyards we work with, Sundown Vineyard consistently yields an opulent style of Syrah that is full bodied and structured, with moderate tannins and generally soft acids. It's a style that can stand up to a lot of new oak barrel aging, but can also shine perfectly well on its own with no new oak barrels as in this 2016 vintage. Vibrant, ripe fruit aromas of red plum and Marionberry transition to cherry cordial and blueberry pie, highlighting the value of a versatile vineyard. The 40% 3rd fill barrels add integrated toasted oak notes of vanilla and caramel with spicy accents of cedar and sandalwood. A bright, lively entry opens the palate with juicy, forward acidity. Flavors of dark fruit found in plum and fig take the lead with support from herbal sage and floral violet. A long finish is framed with age-worthy tannins and carried with youth preserving acid.

PAIRS BEST WITH

Porterhouse steak with blue cheese butter • Chinese pork dumplings

TASTING NOTES

Appellation: Rogue Valley

Color: Dark purple

Aroma: Red plum, cherry cordial, blueberry pie, subtle barrel spice

Mouthfeel: Full body, vibrant, juicy acid and tannin

Flavor: Dark fruit, plum, fig, herbal sage, floral violet

Finish: Long with age-worthy tannins and youth preserving acid

TECH FACTS

TA: 6.45 g/L

pH: 3.66

Alcohol level: 14.6%

Barrel Aging: 22 months in French and American oak, 40% 3rd fill

Cases produced: 225