



# 2014 | ANTAGONIST SYRAH

YAKIMA VALLEY A.V.A.  
ELEPHANT MOUNTAIN

*O*ur 2014 Antagonist is a dark and concentrated wine that will deserve to see the inside of a cellar for several years. The wine's aromatics are a veritable bowl of dark and blue fruits, leading with black cherries and black berries and falling into aromatics of smoke and meat and hints of wet stone, sandalwood and sweet spices. The smooth fruit profile is nearly identical on the palate as it is aromatically, with sweet dark fruits taking center stage.

## VINTAGE

Vintage 2014 was Syrah's vintage. The wine is black, red and dense with richness from natural concentration on the vine. 2014 is age worthy for decades. It began normally with a good spring for growing. Flowering was early in June affording us a powerful vintage. Excellent irrigation and vine care yielded perfect Syrah for our winemaking. We then picked all our red fruit with ease under clear skies.

## WINEMAKING

Whole cluster hand harvested Syrah was hand-sorted then destemmed into small fermenters for hand punch down. Fermented slowly at cool temperatures, it was gently pressed after two weeks of skins mixing. Finishing ferment in cooperage, we stirred the lees for richness and savory complexity. Aged for 16 months until blending, we bottled Feb. 15 while vibrant and youthful. Unfined and filtered for clarity at bottling, this wine will age for over ten years. Enjoy with a host of foods throughout the seasons.

Wine Enthusiast **91 pts**

### APPELLATIONS & VINEYARDS

Yakima Valley 100% | 100% Elephant Mountain

### FINAL BLEND

100% Syrah

### AGING

30% French puncheons,  
70% used French barrels

**CASES PRODUCED** 986 6-pack cases/750mL

**TECHNICAL DATA** Bottled: Spring 2016 • Alcohol: 14.9% by volume • pH: 3.8 • TA: .40 • RS: 1g/L

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