



2015 | ANTAGONIST SYRAH

YAKIMA VALLEY A.V.A.
ELEPHANT MOUNTAIN

Our 2015 Antagonist is a dark and concentrated wine that will deserve to see the inside of a cellar for several years. Aromatics bursting with flowers, oak and dark fruits lead into black cherries and black berries plus smoke and meat, 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 2015 was hot and, like 2003, yielded tiny grapes. These made black-colored wines, dense with richness from natural concentration on the vine. 2015 is age worthy for decades. It began normally with an early spring and record early flowering in May. Excellent irrigation and vine care yielded a precious small amount of perfect Syrah for our winemaking.

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.

APPELLATIONS & VINEYARDS

Yakima Valley 100% | 100% Elephant Mountain

FINAL BLEND

95% Syrah
5% Cabernet Sauvignon

AGING

10% new and 90%
used French barrels

CASES PRODUCED 500 6-pack cases/750mL

TECHNICAL DATA Bottled: Winter 2017 • Alcohol: 14.8% by volume • pH: 3.85 • TA: .50 • RS: 1g/L

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