

GILBERT CELLARS

FINE WINES CRAFTED IN YAKIMA, WASHINGTON

Columbia Valley / Syrah *Two Thousand and Thirteen*



VINEYARD: 52% DOC STEWART, 45% WASHINGTON GOOD EARTH, 3% ART DEN HOED

BLEND: 97% SYRAH & 3% VIOGNIER

WINEMAKER : JUSTIN NEUFELD

PRODUCTION: 470 CASES

AGING: 19 MONTHS. 100% FRENCH OAK, OF WHICH 33% WAS NEW

ALCOHOL – 15% || TA – 6.1 G/L || PH – 3.76

BOTTLING: JUNE 17, 2015

RELEASE: WINTER 2015-16

TASTING NOTES: Meaty aromas of smoke, graphite, and black pepper overlay a solid core of black cherry, pomegranate molasses, and zested blood orange. The anticipated overwhelming intensity is both confirmed and assuaged as the alcohol, acid, and dense tannin blend seamlessly, unfolding over the entire palate and holding it in a luscious embrace through a lengthy finish. Concentrated, balanced, and intensely favorable.

VINIFICATION: Fruit for this blend was destemmed, but not crushed, into 1 ton fermentation bins. The must contained approximately 75% whole berries, of which 3% was Viognier. It had a pre fermentation maceration of about 48 hours at 540F. During fermentation, extraction was achieved via hand punchdowns and pump over with macro aeration, several times daily. The wine fermented dry on the skins and was immediately pressed and transferred to barrel. The wines were aged in barrel for 19 months. 33% were new French oak and 77% were neutral French oak. The wines were racked two times in the cellar. All individual wine components, including new oak barrels, were kept separate until final blending. The wine was bottled on June 17th, 2015.

BACK LABEL: The rugged summit of Gilbert Peak is as mighty as our commitment to the agricultural lands of Washington State. Five generations of family farming in the Yakima Valley have inspired us to share the unique wines that are born of this place. It is here, among wine, music and friends, that our community takes shape—nourished by the glacial waters of the Tieton River, outlined by rows of vineyards, and fed by spirited gatherings that celebrate the bounty of this beautiful landscape. Join us.