



2023 RATIO ROSSO

TASTING NOTES

Let me introduce you to the hottest bass jazz band in town, Ratio Rosso. There is so much going on in the nose (and mouth) of this medium-dark purple beauty that it's like an augmented 7 chord. A core of purple Italian plums is set off by accents of red and black fruit – so stylish! It's more than you could hope for and everything you want in a just-for-fun red. Cheers!

Medium bodied, medium acid, medium tannin

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

You may have heard about “GSM” blends copied from the Rhone region of France, combining Grenache, Syrah, and Mourvedre. Well, this is Washington State, not France, so we're blending it new-world style, bringing together two varieties that we specialize in – Mourvedre and Syrah – with a Washington trailblazer, Lemberger. Lem brings bright cherry flavors to the plum-and-cassis-party, and a splash of Viognier elevates the mood in a most excellent way. We create this wine to be bottled after just one year of aging in barrels to preserve its fruit-forward flavors and youthful vitality.

Composition

55% Syrah, 33% Mourvedre, 11% Lemberger, 1% Viognier

Appellation

Washington

Crush Pad

Destem and light crush

Fermentation

Small open-top fermenters, punched down by hand

Aging

10 months in barrels

Oak

21%

Alcohol

13.9%

Production

295 cases

Bottled

July 30, 2024



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FOOD PAIRINGS

Pizza. Spaghetti. Bitchin' Sauce or other spicy dip. Tuesday. Pigs in a blanket. Anything bbq. Netflix & chill. Try it with everything: it's an All Play! This is your everyday wine; it's the "friends don't let friend buy grocery store wine" wine.

VINTAGE DETAILS

The 2023 vintage got off to a late, cool start, but then raced ahead with warm temperatures, making up ground throughout the growing season and even tracking slightly ahead of average by mid-July. A brief heat spike in August caused issues in some varieties but didn't slow down the speeding train of ripening. Harvest started off with a fury, bringing home one variety after another day after day. Yields were widely variable, and things were changing so quickly that yield forecasts sometimes turned out to be significantly higher or lower than expected when the grapes were harvested. This means that we got more of some varieties than expected, and less of others. The good news is that the quality was very good in nearly everything, so we are expecting some great wines from the vintage.

GRAPE VARIETY INFO

Many years of experimenting with different blends led to the multiples-of-11%-combination we've settled on for the Rosso. The Syrah brings body, the Lemberger brightens and keeps it from getting too serious, and the Mourvedre keeps it smooth. Believe it or not, the 1% of Viognier actually makes a difference you can taste, because it's so aromatic.

FUN FACTS

If you put this bottle next to a bottle of our Ratio Blanco, the two front labels make a complete bicycle. Although it's kind of a crazy mashup since the Blanco is a vintage racer and the Rosso is a modern one.

AWARDS

Gold, Seattle Wine Awards; 90 points



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