

# ANVIL

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*A selection of the best from every vintage for enthusiasts who want to explore the purity of Washington State wine.*

## 2018 Syrah

Boushey Vineyard, Yakima Valley

### PROFILE

This cool-climate French Syrah offers nuances of dark fruit, savory depth, and cocoa. The pallet is rich and dark with juicy red fruits and a lively, long finish. This wine is the epitome of balance, with nicely integrate fruit, oak and alcohol. Structured to last, this wine will cellar well into to the 2030's.

### BOUSHEY VINEYARD

Generally south-facing, this vineyard is located 10 miles west of Red Mountain in the Yakima Valley AVA. The Boushey Vineyard sits atop fractured basalt and soil consisting of silt loam, windblown loess, and deposits from the Missoula floods. The elevation at the highest point of the Boushey Vineyard is at 1,400 feet and combined with layered soils and mild temperatures that allow for longer hang time, the resulting fruit presents amazing phenolic ripeness. Wines made from these grapes are well-balanced with lower alcohol and better acidity, and offer an unblemished expression of the varietal fruit.

The Syrah from the Birdhouse Block at Boushey Vineyard brings to life the true essence of the varietal. Every year we are elated when this fruit nearly ripe as tasting the fruit in the vineyard paints a picture of how the wine will develop in your head. Once the fruit is handed to us we guide it through the fermentation process and proudly present you with this wine.

### TASTING NOTES

Our Anvil by Forgeron Syrah graces you with luscious dark fruit, a delightfully long finish, and enticing acid. Subtle nuances of cocoa, black currant and blackberry lead into a bright and fresh palate that will last for years to come. This wine excites us every year upon release; the aging and layers of texture produced make this wine extraordinary. The subtle nuances of cocoa, black currant and blackberry follow into a bright and fresh finish that will last for years to come.

### VINTAGE NOTE

The summer of 2018 was one of the hottest years on record throughout the eastern side of Washington. We experienced several weeks of 95-degree and higher temperatures; at long last, a cooling trend arrived in August. The stretch of hot weather allowed an extended hang-time, resulting in appealing, complex flavor. This vintage turned out to be truly remarkable, producing lots with bright, fresh notes and seemingly innate balance.

### TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Varietal: 100% Syrah  
Vineyard: Boushey Vineyard  
Appellation: Yakima Valley  
pH: 3.89 | TA: 5.4 g/L | Alcohol: 14.8%  
Cooperage: 17 months aging, 33% new French oak,  
67% neutral French oak

Bottled Date: March 2020  
Release Date: April 2021  
Production: 192 cases  
UPC: 833959001312

