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Since 2001 Forgeron Cellars has been devoted to crafting artisanal, small-lot wines that explore the nuances of several highly respected and diverse vineyard sites throughout Washington's Columbia Valley. Showcasing the unblemished character within each varietal and revealing the unique vintage conditions of the fruit has resulted in a proud tradition of 90+ point award-winning wines.

2018 GRENACHE

Boushey Vineyard, Yakima Valley

Our first-ever 100% varietal Grenache is from the world-famous Boushey Vineyard located in the Yakima Valley. Grenache has long been favored by our team and we are thrilled with the results of this limited bottling. Aged in 100% neutral French oak, our Grenache is fresh and layered with complex and intriguing aromas of Bing cherry, white pepper, and cocoa. Beautiful ruby red in color, generous flavors of classic cherries jubilee, spice box, and sweet tobacco fill the palate. Fine tannins provide the structure for a precise and satisfying finish of medium length.

WINEMAKER NOTES

Generally south-facing, the Boushey 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. For these reasons, vineyard owner Dick Boushey is widely lauded as one of Washington State's top growers.

VINTAGE NOTES

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 DATA

COMPOSITION: 100% Grenache
VINEYARD: Boushey Vineyard
AVA: Yakima Valley
COOPERING: 13 months in 100% neutral French oak
PH: 3.70 | TA: 5.5g/L | ALCOHOL: 13.9%
HARVEST DATE: August 2018
PRODUCTION: 178 cases
UPC CODE: 746175652155



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