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

2020 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.

Vineyard owner Dick Boushey is widely lauded as one of Washington State's top growers. The Boushey Vineyard has long been recognized as a top-spot for Syrah in Washington, and we are thrilled to have it be part of our Anvil by Forgeron program of limited production, single vineyard wines.

TASTING NOTES

Soft purple hues alight, softer around the rim. Initially discreet, the nose opens with exotic and gamey notes. Black raspberry abounds with a hybrid of blueberry-German chocolate gelato encompassing the palate. The sleek finish shows very fine with soft, supple and sweet tannins. This superb Syrah will continue to evolve considerably, and will gain body, complexity and depth over the next decade. That being said, it is quite special in it's youth, as it is most certainly drinkable now. Drink it today or hold it for tomorrow...there is no wrong answer.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2020 vintage started as most years do, with harvest expecting to arrive a bit earlier than the previous year. Around July we saw temperatures begin to cool and start to push the ripening process to later picking dates. We ended up harvesting just a few days apart on most varietals from the previous year. We did experience smoke through the season but with mitigation measures such as bucket ferments performed in the cellar we were able to avoid any smoke influence in the finished wine.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Varietal: 100% Syrah
Vineyard: Boushey
Appellation: Yakima Valley
pH: 3.84 | TA: 5.1g/L | Alcohol: 14.7%
Cooperage: 17 months in 29% new
French oak, 71% neutral French oak

Bottled Date: March 2022
Release Date: April 2023
Production: 225
UPC: 833959001312

