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2021 RUCKUS SYRAH/CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Ruckus, now in its 16th vintage, features Syrah and Cabernet Sauvignon, 50/50. The proverbial iron fist in a velvet glove, this is goliath is deep, dark and feral. After some time in your decanter, it reveals aromas of smoked meat, blackberry, earth, mushroom and crushed rock. On the palate it offers flavors of loganberry, cherry, sage, and a kiss of sweet oak, all wrapped in firm, silky tannins. Historic Red Mountain vineyards Ciel du Cheval and Klipsun are the fruit sources for this exceptional wine. So delicious now, it will evolve and delight for many years. Promise.

Food pairing: Classic French country cassoulet, vegetarian Shepherd's pie

Movie pairing: *Pulp Fiction*

FOUNDERS' NOTES:

Once upon a time there was a Syrah called Stella Mae. As demand for Syrah began to taper off a bit, we decided in our third vintage to align our girls' wines on either side of the Gironde, even though it is nowhere near Woodinville, in the name of family harmony. So, in 2006, we made **Ruckus**, our Red Mountain Syrah blended with Cabernet Sauvignon.

Grapes 50% Syrah, 50% Cabernet Sauvignon

Vineyards Ciel du Cheval, Klipsun

Appellation Red Mountain

Aging 45% new French oak, 16 months

Alcohol/ TA/pH 14.5%/0.53/3.95

Cases 220

\$70

95 pts *International Wine Report* (2020)

