

Szrah Cuvée Classique 2016

While it combines elements of both the old and new world, our Syrah Cuvée Classique leans more toward what you would expect from France's Rhone Valley – hence the name. While its sibling Cuvée Violette showcases the floral, graceful and perfumed side of Syrah, Cuvée Classique shows the dark, savoury, spicy and powerful side of this noble grape variety. The wine is nuanced and elegant, yet structured in its youth. In 2016, white and black peppercorn, iron, dark wild berries, black olives and forest floor form the aromatic and flavour profiles of this wine. There is a great balance between the components already albeit on the young side. Neither as robust as the likes of 2012 and 2015, nor as linear and elegant as 2010 and 2011. Balance is the word that keeps coming up.

RECOMMENDED FOOD PAIRING

Classic Moroccan Lamb shank tagine or braised venison with aromatics, star anise and pink peppercorn are two favourites.

GRAPE VARIETY: 100% Syrah

REGION: South Okanagan

VINEYARD: Various

SOIL ORIGIN: Varied

SOIL TYPE: Varied

AGE OF VINES: Varries. Most in their teens

YIELD: Average of 3.5 tons/acre

PRODUCTION: 401 cases
ALCOHOL: 14.70%

CLARIFICATION: Unfined, very lightly coarse filtered

AGING: 17 months in 100% French oak barrels and

puncheons, 41.5% new

