



LE VIEUX PIN

Syrah Cuvée Violette 2021

Blackberries, Violets, Olives
Licorice, Spice, Fleshy, Elegance

Disclaimer: 2021 was the year of abundant forest fires. Many of our lots were discarded due to excessive smokiness, while others were kept since the smoky notes are either nuanced or add to the complexity of the wine. Goes without saying that the smoke levels are well below the legal levels of threshold. Please read our blog post that sheds light on this nonlinear and complex subject matter: <https://levieuxpin.ca/forest-fires-and-smoke-taint>

Cuvée Violette, as the name suggests, displays the perfumed and floral side of this noble grape variety. The palate is silky smooth thanks to a gentle extract in this freakish year of heat domes and forest fires. It is noteworthy to mention that this is the first vintage of Cuvée Violette as a 100% Syrah. The growing season worked as such that the Rhone white varieties were all harvested earlier so no co-fermentation took place. It should also be noted that, the floral notes in Syrah are not necessarily a result of co-fermenting with Roussanne or Viognier. The characteristic of the site and the clone of Syrah plays an even bigger role. With Violette, the focus is on the feminine and graceful qualities of Syrah coming to the foreground. In the cellar we kid around and call this wine a Syrah for Pinot Noir lovers. Crunchy bramble fruit and purple flowers mingle with pepper and spice. Red bramble fruits burst on the nose and on the palate. This cuvée is ready to be enjoyed and savored upon release. It can be aged for the mid-term (5-7 years). It will most likely continue to improve past that age too .

RECOMMENDED FOOD PAIRING

Meat-based: Crispy-skin duck breast with a lavender honey gastrique or steak Dianne with a flambé of Crème de Violette and Cassis moutarde is a match made in heaven as well.

Plant-based: Hearty, earthy and lightly herbal food with this one. Lentil walnut meatloaf with burnt onion jus is definitely a winner.

GROWN:	South Okanagan
CÉPAGE:	100% Syrah
VINEYARD:	35% le Faucon, 31.5 % Les Galets, 19% Le point de vue, 9% Stag1, 3% Le Grand Pin, 2.5% Golden Mile
AGE OF VINES:	14-19 year old vines
YIELD:	Average of 3.6 tons/acre
PRODUCTION:	1361 cases
ALCOHOL:	14.20%
AGING:	14 months in both 65% in neutral French oak barrels and oak tank, 35% in concrete

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