



Jeff Runquist Wines

2018 “R” SYRAH, Paso Robles, California



Historically, our Syrah has been a blend of three wines produced from the grapes from three of my favorite growers in Paso Robles. I met Steve Carter, Dan Westigard and Bob Goodwin almost thirty years ago when I was the winemaker for J. Lohr and their passion for viticulture was obvious. When I added Syrah to the Runquist lineup of wines, I turned to them for some of the finest Syrah grown in the state, and we have been successful for almost twenty years. But life goes on and with it comes change. Both Steve and Bob have sold the vineyards they farmed when we first met, and we lost Dan to cancer just after the 2013 harvest. But not all is lost. Bob still farms his vineyard for the new owner and Steve has developed a gorgeous new property on the West-side of highway 101. So while changes are afoot, the personalities remain as committed to exceptional fruit as always. While I am saddened to lose the Westigard fruit, I am delighted to get my hands on the Westside Syrah with altitude (1,600 ft).

The 2018 vintage has a deep purple color accompanied by bright garnet hues. The aromas feature bright red and black fruits; dark cherry, cranberry, boysenberry and black raspberry. The bouquet provides a unique smoky scent that comes from barrels toasted over a hickory generated flame. On the palate, succulent juicy flavors of red and black fruits mingle with those of creamy oak and buttered toast. The tannins of the 2018 wine are moderate in volume and the texture while rich, remains soft and supple. The wine finishes with notes of ripe fruit and deeply toasted smoky oak.

This is a ‘New World’ Syrah bursting with luscious fruit aromas and flavors. I am not one to suggest wine and food pairings, but I can’t wait to try this wine with a pork tenderloin with an apricot glaze.

Varietal Composition: 100 % Syrah	
14.9% Alc.	0.77 g/100ml TA 3.46 pH
Oak Regime: 64% American Oak 36% French Oak	
Released: May, 2020	636 Cases Produced

Producers of Vineyard Designated Red Table Wines