



2012 Tremolo

Columbia Valley AVA | 250 Cases Produced

Vineyards

A 15 acre property, Old Stones is one of the oldest vineyards planted “On the Rocks” in Milton Freewater. Originally acquired as an apple and plum orchard, Old Stones is located along an ancient river bed covered with massive basalt cobblestones, similar to the profile of vineyards found in the Châteauneuf-du-Pape region of Southern France. These cobblestones go very deep into the soil and retain heat during the day to then radiate that heat back to the vines during the cooler evening hours. This rocky section of the AVA is producing some of the most distinct and sought after wines in the Walla Walla Valley, especially for Syrah and Cabernet Franc. Given the depth and complexity of this fruit, and its distinct aromatics and flavors, this Syrah is certainly destined for a single vineyard bottling in the future.

Olsen Vineyard is a 765 acre vineyard planted predominantly in 1980, making this one of the older vineyards in the state. It is situated in the eastern end of the Yakima Valley AVA where the soil is comprised of shallow granitic deposits. Manager Leif Olsen has done an excellent job of making sure this vineyard is doing what it should- producing world class wines.

Winemaking

Even though this wine is predominantly Syrah, it has a distinctive Grenache vibe. The Syrahs we make are less dense and extracted than most and it allows the Grenache to really shine through. The Grenache is ‘fan’ trained at Olsen Vineyard, which provides a richer mid-palate at a cooler site. Intended to be user friendly and more approachable in its youth, while maintaining traditional earthy Syrah aromatics.

Tasting Notes

78% Syrah, 22% Grenache. This Old world style wine opens with aromas of dried rose petals, savory herbs, a hint of smoke and rich slate. The palate is rife with dark spices, new leather and notes of cedar. It finishes with dark fruits and touches of prunes and boysenberries with notes of white button mushroom. Enjoy this alongside a grilled chicken and mushroom sandwich.