

BLASTED CHURCH™

BLASTED CHURCH SYRAH 2008

Appellation: Okanagan Valley (VQA)

HARVEST NOTES

The 2008 Blasted Church Syrah is composed of fruit from five vineyards. The Syrah was harvested from Osoyoos, Skaha Bench and our own estate grown Blasted Church Vineyards Syrah. The Viognier portion was grown in Osoyoos. Lastly, the Cabernet Sauvignon was grown in Oliver.

The Syrah at Blasted Church was the first to come off the vine; harvested during the cooler days of mid-October, followed by the Syrah and Viognier from Osoyoos. The Syrah (Skaha Bench) and Cabernet Sauvignon (Oliver) signaled the last day of picking on November 6th.

WINEMAKING

This is the first Syrah/ Viognier produced from Blasted Church. Many versions of this blend are vinified separately. We chose to co-ferment the Osoyoos Syrah and Viognier together. The Syrah from Skaha Bench and BCV were fermented on their own. The reason for this was that portions of these finished wines would be used in other blends (Malbec/Syrah).

All parcels of fruit that were received on the crush pad were sorted pre and post de-stemming. The goal was to get the fruit into tank as whole berries. Once in tank the temperature was adjusted to cold soak the fruit (4-7 days) with minimal pump overs and plunging. After cold soaking the must was warmed and inoculated with yeast. The must remained in tank until the decision to press them was made. Post pressing the wine was racked into new French and second year American barrels. The wine underwent malo-lactic fermentation and spent a full year in wood. Before the wines were racked out of wood a blend was created. At this time we felt the addition of 7% Cabernet Sauvignon was needed for the structure of the finished wine. The overall blend is 86/7/7 of Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon and Viognier.

WINEMAKER'S NOTE

Colour: Mid crimson.

Bouquet: White pepper, cloves, orange rind, anise, heaps of vanilla with hints of cherry and light floral notes.

Palate: Medium bodied, with flavors of cassis, cherry, plum, tobacco leaf and vanilla..

Food Pairings: BBQ Brisket, Leg of Lamb or Thanksgiving/ Christmas Turkey

Varietal Profile

Syrah/ BCV	23.0 Bx
Syrah/ Osoyoos	21.4 Bx
Syrah/ skaha bench	20.5 Bx
Viognier/ Osoyoos	23.5 Bx
Cab Sauv/ Oliver	24.0 Bx

Brix at Harvest

Total acidity:	6.7g/L
Final pH:	3.751
Residual Sugar:	2g/L
Alcohol:	12.6%
Cases Produced:	1275
CSPC:	+37531

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