

ANVIL

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A selection of the best from every vintage for enthusiasts who want to explore the purity of Washington State wine.

2016 Syrah

Boushey Vineyard Yakima Valley

PROFILE

The newest addition to our ANVIL by Forgeron ultra-premium lineup, our 2016 Syrah is sourced from the Boushey Vineyard; a notable site we have obtained premium fruit from for over a decade. Having long been enamored with the Syrah being grown here, we felt that the time had come to release an extended barrel-aged example of the fruit from this prestigious site. We hand-harvested fruit from the best block, then hand-sorted the clusters into open-top fermenters. By handling this wine with extreme care, we are able to retain its delightful subtleties and nuances in tact while harnessing the power of this richly colored fruit.

BOUSHEY VINEYARD

Generally south-facing, this vineyard is located 10 miles west of Red Mountain in the Yakima Valley AVA. The Boushey Vineyard sits atop fractured basalt and soil consisting of silt loam, windblown loess, and deposits from the Missoula floods. The elevation at the highest point of the Boushey Vineyard is at 1,400 feet and combined with layered soils and mild temperatures that allow for longer hang time, the resulting fruit presents amazing phenolic ripeness. Wines made from these grapes are well-balanced with lower alcohol and better acidity, and offer an unblemished expression of the varietal fruit.

Vineyard owner Dick Boushey is widely lauded as one of Washington State's top growers. The Boushey Vineyard has long been recognized as a top-spot for Syrah in Washington, and we are thrilled to have it be part of our Anvil by Forgeron program of limited production, single vineyard wines.

TASTING NOTES

This classically styled Syrah offers nuances of dark fruit, bootstrap, and spice. The pallet is rich and dark with blackberry, boysenberry, violets, and a long finish. This wine is the epitome of balance, with nicely integrated fruit, oak and alcohol. Structured to last, this wine will cellar well into to the 2030's.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2016 growing season started very warm, causing an early bud break. Temperatures dropped back to average in early June and we picked our Boushey Vineyard Syrah in September, knowing it had been given all the time necessary to develop the inherent complexities of the growing season.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Varietal: 100% Syrah
Vineyard: Boushey
Appellation: Yakima Valley
pH: 3.7 | TA: 4.5g/L
Alcohol: 14.8%
Cooperage: 100% French oak, 44% new

Harvest Date: September 22, 2016
Barreled Date: October 5, 2016
Bottled Date: August 7, 2018
Release Date: April 1, 2019
Production: 201 cases, 750mL; 84 1.5L; 12 5L
UPC: 833959001312

