

Brittan Vineyards

2014 SYRAH

Winemaker Robert Brittan, a wine industry veteran with over 40 harvest under his belt, has always had a passion for Pinot noir; a love affair that began in the 80's when he made several vintages under his Britt Hill label with fruit from Carneros. In 2004, Robert decided to leave Stags' Leap Winery in Napa and start a Pinot noir project in the cool climate of the North Willamette Valley.

VINEYARD NOTES

The Brittan Vineyard lies just 12 miles southwest of McMinnville, tucked into the foothills of the Coastal Range. The original 18 acres were planted in 2001, but due to the challenging nature of this site and limited topsoil, only eight acres survived. Since 2004 when Robert and Ellen purchased the vineyard, it has been an ongoing rehabilitation project: replanting, retraining, and learning the unique landscape that has become Brittan Vineyard.

VINTAGE NOTES

Winter in 2014 was non-existent, resulting in an earlier than normal bud break. Ideal conditions during bloom led to a large fruit set for the Willamette Valley. It is quite rare to have a vintage with both quality and quantity, but 2014 turned out to be just that, with the weather cooperating throughout the season leading to an early harvest. The resulting wines are seductive and rich while retaining the restraint and buoyancy of great winemaking in a great vintage. They are sure to gratify the palate now as well as in the years to come.

TASTING NOTES

The 2014 Syrah offers an exciting expression of our estate Syrah plantings. On the nose, there are notes of cassis, blackberry and cracked pepper, with intriguing undertones of violet and black olive. The palate displays the luscious flavors of tart cherry and Marionberry, underlined by silky tannins that are held in balance by the perfect level of acidity.

AVA: McMinnville

VINEYARD: Brittan Vineyard

CASES PRODUCED: 170 cases

SELECTIONS: 174, 470 and 870

ELEVAGE: 15 months, 16% new French oak

DATE BOTTLED: March 2016

ALCOHOL: 14.1%

SRP: \$55/ 750 mL

