

Brittan Vineyards

2015 SYRAH

Winemaker Robert Brittan, a wine industry veteran with 45 harvests 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. This includes replanting the Pinot Meunier blocks to Syrah in 2005. There is now an acre and a half of Syrah on site.

VINTAGE NOTES

2015 started out moderate, then showed some heat in mid-summer, followed by a relatively cooler fall. This allowed for good fruit maturity without high alcohol, resulting in wines that are elegant and nuanced. They are sure to gratify the palate now, as well as in the years to come.

TASTING NOTES

On the nose the 2015 Estate Syrah exhibits a complementary blend of fruits, spice and savory notes with aromas of white pepper, ocean brine, plum and truffle. This is confirmed on the palate with flavors of passion fruit, blueberry and juniper berry, all supported by a pleasant mix of cedar, allspice and caraway. A perfect balance of acid and tannin provide the structure for this age-worthy wine.

AVA: McMinnville

VINEYARD: Brittan Vineyard

CASES PRODUCED: 65 cases

SELECTIONS: 174, 470 and 870

ELEVAGE: 15 months, 25% new French oak

DATE BOTTLED: March 24, 2017

ALCOHOL: 13.6%

SRP: \$55/ 750 mL

