



## 2011 LONESOME SPRING VINEYARD SYRAH COLUMBIA VALLEY

### VINEYARDS

Lonesome Spring Vineyard is located in the warm, well-drained Rattlesnake Mountain bench near Benton City, Washington. The loamy, silty soils and the warm growing seasons are a perfect climate for growing world class Syrah. The 109 acre vineyard is about 1000 feet above sea level with prevailing winds that travel along the nearby Yakima River. The Kootenay silty loam soils were formed eons ago and are a mix of ancient lava flows with windblown silt. These soils shape the complex flavor development in the resulting wines.

### VINTAGE

Moderate temperatures in the Yakima Valley and cool growing conditions throughout the season produced grapes with lively acidity with decent sugars at harvest time. The cooler summer temps continued into the fall until and allowed for extended hang times. Yields were average and the fruit arrived in immaculate condition to the winery with very little need for extensive hand sorting on the crush line. This was a truly classic vintage.

### WINEMAKING

The fruit arrived on October 18th with a brix of 23.2 and dark fruit flavors. The grapes for this wine were destemmed and crushed and then cold soaked for 7 days and inoculated with yeast. The fermenter was hand punched 2 times daily until dryness. Pressed off after spending 22 days on the skins and settled for 3 more days before going to barrel. The wine was sulfured after ML completion and aged in French oak (Rousseau) for 10 months. This wine was carefully racked to tank and then bottled on August 8<sup>th</sup> 2012.

### TASTING NOTES

Aromas of Blackberry, Blueberry, and black pepper meld with hints of toasty oak. A luscious entry morphs into supple and silky tannins that combine flavors of Blueberry jam and Dark Cherries. Pair it with grilled tenderloin on a parsnip puree!

### TECHNICAL INFORMATION

#### ACCOLADES

Not submitted

#### APPELLATION

Yakima Valley

#### VINEYARDS AND CLONES

Lonesome Spring – Clone 7

#### COMPOSITION

100% Syrah

#### FERMENTATION AND AGING

10 months in French oak

Rousseau

#### ALCOHOL

13.9%

#### PH

3.85

#### PRODUCTION

25 cases

#### BOTTLING DATE

August 2012

#### RELEASE DATE

August 2013

#### SUGGESTED RETAIL PRICE

\$25