



FLANAGAN

2019 SYRAH *Bennett Valley*

APPELLATION	Bennett Valley
HARVEST DATE	September 24th, 2019
pH	3.79
TA	5.28
ABV	14%
CASES PRODUCED	344
RELEASE DATE	October 2021



PRODUCTION NOTES

2019 Flanagan Syrah Bennett Valley is our thirteenth vintage of Syrah. The site for our Syrah is one of the finest vineyards for this variety in California. The vines are planted on 35 degree slopes on red volcanic rock. Very low soil vigor, a cool climate, and lots of wind make this a perfect place to grow Syrah. This is a reference point for New World Syrah and is another pillar in the argument that Bennett Valley should focus on Rhone Varieties.

TASTING NOTES

The spring of 2019 was an exceptionally wet one with 20 days of rain in just the month of May. This helped limit fruit set and meant that the 2019 crop was much smaller than the massive 2018 Harvest. Things settles down after May, and the rest of the growing season was ideal. The lack of late season rains or heat spikes meant that we were able to harvest without any drama. The fruit quality in 2019 was excellent. The nose displays spice, Anise, Bay Leaf, and leather. The palate has notes of Blackberry, Blueberry, tobacco, and black olives. The 2019 has very nice acidity and a very elegant feel on the palate.