2018 Arnaut

Boushey Vineyard Syrah

The story of this wine. For our taste, no one grows finer Syrah in the state than Dick Boushey. We make this wine with minimal manipulation using native yeasts, bottling unfined and unfiltered, to allow the "place" to shine through. We named this wine after the Provencal Troubadour, Arnaut Daniel, who invented the Sestina poem form, thus creating a connection between our two flagship efforts.

Winemaker Tasting Notes. "Dark purple garnet color. This wine has quite a complex nose of blueberry and dark cherry reduction, cured meats, oil-cured Kalamata olives, savory herbs, singed orange peel, and river minerals. There is a lot of volume on the palate, with dark fruits, bacon fat, incense, and floral elements that keep unwinding in layers as the wine opens. Tightly wound now, with a concentration and balance indicative of the vintage, this is an Arnaut for the ages. Drink 2023-2038."

- Chris Peterson, Winemaker

Vintage: 2018

AVA: Yakima Valley

Blend: 100% Syrah

Vineyard: 100% Boushey Vineyard

Alcohol: 14.9%

Winemaking: Native yeast fermentation, 15% whole cluster. Aged 16 months in 15% new French oak. Bottled unfined, unfiltered.

Release: September 2020

Cases: 350

Jeb Dunnuck barrel score - (95-97+) points

"Tasting like the essence of Syrah with its smoky, meaty, bacon fat nuances, the 2018 Syrah Arnaut Boushey Vineyard is medium to full-bodied, has a pure, balanced mouthfeel, plenty of building tannins, and a great, great finish. My money is on this being up with the top Syrahs in the vintage."

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