

2017 Justine

Southern Rhône Red Blend

The story of this wine. Justine reflects our belief that Washington is capable of producing world-class blends of grape varieties traditional to the Southern Rhone region of France.

The name is inspired by one of the great heroines of recent literature, who also sprung from the imagination of the Mediterranean. Dark, seductive, complex, with a chasm of depth.

The Justine is a great reflection of Avennia's mission of expression, and Washington's generous terroir.

Winemaker Tasting Notes. "A palpable sense of freshness is a defining character of this year's Justine. Notes of raspberries, fresh cut flowers, anise seeds, and rubbed thyme greet the nose. On the palate, too, there is a sense of poise and precision to the fresh red berry, crushed rock, floral, and herb notes. It's tempting to drink it on release, but will also age very well for 5-8 years."

- Chris Peterson, Winemaker

Vintage: 2017

AVA: Yakima Valley

Blend: 61% Grenache,
23% Mourvèdre, 16% Syrah

Winemaking: 15% whole cluster fermentation with native yeast, aged 16 months in 80% neutral French oak and 20% concrete. Bottled unfined, unfiltered.

Alcohol: 14.6%

Release: December 2019

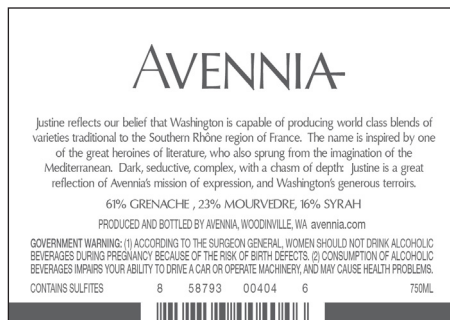
Vineyards:

Upland Vineyard Grenache,
Kiona Heart of the Hill Mourvèdre,
Oldfield Vineyard Syrah Clone 383

Cases: 315

(91-93) pts, Jeb Dunnock barrel score

"The Grenache-dominated 2017 Justine (there's 23% Mourvèdre and a small amount of Syrah) has a touch Pinot Noir-like character in its aromas and texture. Dark berries, violets, forest floor, and spring flower notes all emerge from this medium-bodied, pretty, elegant Rhône blend that's going to drink nicely right out of the gate." - Jeb Dunnock



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