

Brittan Vineyards

2013 Syrah

Robert Brittan developed a love for Rhone varietals during his tenure at Stags' Leap Winery in Napa, where he served as General Manager and Winemaker for sixteen years. In 2004, Robert decided to leave Stags' Leap and start a vineyard project in the cool climate of the North Willamette Valley. With that came the passion to grow Syrah reminiscent of the Northern Rhone.

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

The 2013 vintage in the Willamette Valley was warm and dry throughout summer, then cooled off dramatically in September before the heavy rains at harvest. The fruit for the 2013 Syrah was harvested the second week of October.

TASTING NOTES

The 2013 Syrah is a lush, royal garnet in color with a nose of dried lilac, cedar and black peppercorn over deep notes of black cherry and candied plum. A steady ribbon of red fruit on palate leads to a seamless rich texture, while leather and fresh tobacco weave their way through the lengthy finish.

AVA: McMinnville

VINEYARD: Brittan Vineyard

CASES PRODUCED: 55 cases

ELEVAGE: 16 months, 35% new French oak

DATE BOTTLED: March 2015

ALCOHOL: 13%

