



# THE WALLS

## 2017 CONCRETE MAMA SYRAH

### THE STORY

Concrete tanks, one of the oldest vessels for wine fermentation, help us create wines with freshness and energy. The name of this wine, Concrete Mama, was partly inspired by Ethan Hoffman's photo series in the late 70's which focused on inmates at the Washington State Penitentiary, who named the concrete wall surrounding the prison 'Concrete Mama'.

"Concrete Mama" still sits sentinel above our little town; life is hard inside her walls, but for those who make it out, a new beginning beckons. This wine bears her nickname because nature's struggle of transforming these Rocks District grapes into fine wine took place within similar walls of concrete - with loads of hard work and community. Concrete Mama leaves these Walls full of promise. All you need to do is give it a chance "on the outside"

This wine offers up classic River Rock Vineyard markers, such as olive tapenade, a velvety texture and salinity. Planted in 2001, River Rock Vineyard has a lot to offer! Red currants, toasted oak and cocoa flavors mingle with a wonderful savory character.

### PRODUCTION NOTES

100% Concrete Fermentation; 18 Months in 100% Concrete.

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**BLEND:**  
100% Syrah

**AVA/VINEYARD:**  
Walla Walla Valley, River Rock Vineyard

**HARVEST DATE:**  
10/8/2017

**ABV: 15%**  
**pH: 3.93**

256 cases produced  
2856 bottles produced

\$75