

## 2020 ROCKGARDEN ESTATE VINEYARD SYRAH

Rockgarden is planted mostly to Syrah, providing more of it to work with, so we pick it in waves across a spectrum of ripeness, providing multiple blending options in the end. We selectively picked the Syrah over the course of a month. We used a few new I2hL foudre and the remainder was in neutral larger format barrels — 400, 500 600L. A light oak presence is evident and will integrate well with some age.

"Another classic Syrah from Todd Alexander, and a gorgeous one at that. The 2020 Rockgarden Syrah delivers an inky purple core with a neon pink rim, and boasts notes of black plum, wild macerated blueberry, iodine, iron, smoked meat, crushed black olives, dried flowers, and a smooch of sweet baking spice. Meaty flavors, combined with ground black pepper, hits the front palate hard, but the purity of the black fruit shines forth on the finish. Todd's wines always display this scintillating graphite quality from The Rocks, compared to that citrusy grapefruit quality that shines forth in his top competitor's wines from the same area. Unbelievably good and highly recommended. Editors Choice."

- Jeremy Young, International Wine Report, 98 points

"A classic Rock Syrah, the 2020 Syrah Rockgarden Vineyard has ample meaty, bloody blue fruits as well as notes of iron, tapenade, lavender, and peppery herbs. Gorgeous on the palate, with medium to full-bodied richness, it has polished tannins, no hard edges, and a great finish."

- 94-97 points, Jeb Dunnuck, jebdunnuck.com



100% Syrah 35% Whole Cluster Fermented in Concrete 16 months in 25% new French oak, large format Walla Walla Valley AVA The Rocks District of Milton Freewater, Oregon 100% free run Release price: \$95 / 750ML 375 cases produced