

# BALBOA

## 2016 Estate Syrah

### Tasting Notes

Opens with expressive notes of stone fruits, dark raspberry and wild blackberry complemented by savory game and 'Rocks District' earthiness. The palate continues with cassis and huckleberry leading into smoked meat and olive tones balanced upon wet stones and silky tannins.

### Production Notes

A 100% varietal syrah sourced from our Estate Eidolon Vineyard, located in the 'Rocks District' sub-appellation which perfectly blends savory earthy notes with bright fruits.

### Vineyards

- Estate Eidolon Vineyard, 'Rocks District of Milton-Freewater' Walla Walla Valley

### Winemaking

- Hand harvested grapes
- Picked early in the morning
- Small lot fermentations in stainless steel tanks
- The cap was manually punched down twice a day
- The wine was aged for 14 months in French Oak barrels
- Cross flow filtration prior to bottling

### Vintage

- Warm spring temperatures lead to early bud break
- Moderate temperatures in the early summer allowed for ideal bloom and fruit set
- Cooler than average temperatures in the early summer allowed fruit to ripen gradually, leading to lower sugars and higher natural acidity
- These cooler temperatures extended the growing season for optimal flavor development across all varietals
- Harvest started on September 2<sup>nd</sup> and continued into mid-October.

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SYRAH  
2016  
EIDOLON ESTATE VINEYARD  
WALLA WALLA VALLEY

### Wine Data

*Appellation*.....Walla Walla Valley  
*Varietal*..... Syrah  
*Composition*.....100%  
Syrah  
*Vineyards*.....Estate Eidolon  
Vineyard  
*Vintage*.....2016

### Technical Notes

*pH*.....4.04  
*Total Acidity*.....5.8 g/L  
*Alcohol*.....14.3%