

# BALBOA

## 2016 GRENACHE-SYRAH-MOURVEDRE

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### Tasting Notes

Notes of leather, espresso, black pepper, blackberry, olive, and pie cherry. The palate displays flavors of ripe dark fruits, blueberry, orange peel and savory game notes balanced upon earthiness and fine tannins.

### Production Notes

A blend of equal parts Grenache, Syrah, and Mourvedre, our 2015 GSM was fermented separately and aged for 12 months before blending. It was aged for an additional 14 months after blending in French Oak barrels.

### Vineyards

- Canyon's Vineyard, Red Mountain
- Estate Eidolon Vineyard, 'Rocks District' of Milton- Freewater
- Summit View Vineyard, 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 varieties
- Harvest started on September 2<sup>nd</sup> and continued into mid-October.

### Wine Data

*Appellation*.....Columbia Valley  
*Style*.....Red Rhone Blend  
*Composition*.....34% Grenache  
.....33% Syrah  
.....33% Mourvedre  
*Vineyards*.....Canyon's Vineyard  
.....Estate Eidolon Vineyard  
.....Summit View Vineyard  
*Vintage* ..... 2016

### Technical Notes

*pH* ..... 3.94  
*Total Acidity*.....5.9 g/L  
*Alcohol*.....14.7%  
*Harvest Date*..... 9/22-10/11  
*Bottling Date* .....May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
*Production* .....150 cases