



2021 THE FUNK ESTATE SYRAH

APPELLATION:

Walla Walla Valley, The Rocks District of Milton-Freewater

COMPOSITION:

96% Syrah, 4% Viognier

VINEYARD:

September 10 and 13
2.9 tons/acre

The 2021 vintage was remarkable, mainly due to extreme heat beginning in June, which was a surprise after a wet, cold spring. We experienced early bud break on April 2nd and shortly thereafter, had several nights of freezing temperatures which resulted in running wind machines to protect the delicate, new buds. Bloom followed a similar trajectory, arriving a bit early during the last week of May. An extreme heat dome in late June left a dramatic impact on the berry size and cluster weights for this vintage. Precise irrigation all summer long was critical! The heat finally broke in September and cooler temperatures allowed the fruit to ripen to perfection. Harvest began September 10th, and the quality was exceptional with excellent physiological ripeness. Ultimately, the light crop and small berry size resulted in inky colored wines with rich flavors, ample tannins, and exotic aromas typical of Syrah grown in one of the most distinct terroirs in the world.

TECHNICAL NOTES:

pH 3.96
TA 0.57 g/100mL
Alcohol 14.2% By Volume

FERMENTATION:

Partial whole cluster Syrah co-fermented with 4% whole cluster Viognier.

AGING:

18 months in 500-liter French oak puncheons. 40% New.

CASES:

315 cases

SENSORY NOTES:

Our 2021 vintage of THE FUNK Estate Syrah is exceptional. A wine with inky color and rich concentration that speaks well of the vintage and the site. The nose reveals classic aromas from The Rocks including roasted game, soy sauce, anise, pepper, cardamom, leather, and a hint of violets. Flavors unfold gently, offering layers of wild blackberries, dark marionberries, briny olives, and cocoa nibs along with a touch of Mandarin orange zest. The mouthfeel is expansive with a plush, velvety texture. A delicious wine with an opulent finish, enticing you to savor the moment long after the last sip. Drink 2025-2040.

97 Points – Paul Gregutt

96 Points – International Wine Report

93 Points – Sean Sullivan

96 Points – Owen Bargreen

94 Points – James Suckling

92 Points – Wine Enthusiast