

# 2015 Syrah Umpqua Valley

#### VINTAGE

2015 was characterized by early flowering, and a warm, dry summer. The earliest harvest to date. Light rainstorms rolled through at the end of August, moistened the parched, drought-hit soils, and refreshed the vines well before they neared ripeness. September was among the coolest on record.

#### VINEYARD

Grapes were 100% grown and hand harvested at **Reustle-Prayer Rock Vineyards**; a 200 acre property (40 vineyard acres) in the heart of the Umpqua Valley. On the property are two south-facing hillsides, named **Prayer Rock and Romancing Rock Vineyards**. The nearby **Umpqua River** creates cool evening temperatures (ideal conditions for intense aroma and flavor development).

#### WINEMAKING

Grapes were destemmed, cold-soaked and innoculated in insulated 1-ton fermenters. Various strains of yeast were used to maximize complexity. Punch-downs were maintained at a minimum of two times per day, and sometimes up to four. Aged for **10 months in French & American Oak**, and aged an additional **1 year in bottle** before release.

#### **PRESS HIGHLIGHTS:**

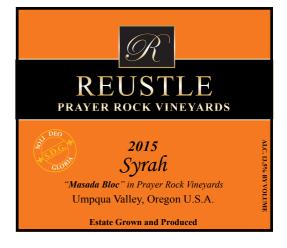
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## 2015 SYRAH TASTING NOTES:

menthol smoke black berry black cherry medium-bodied expressive tannins cured meat violet cedar cocoa fancy oak blue fruit acidity licorice





TECHNICAL DATA	
Brix @ Harvest:	22
Harvest Date:	Early October
TA:	6.3
PH:	4.0
Alcohol:	13.5%
Aged In:	French &
	American Oak
Barrels Produced:	19
Clones:	75% Syrah Shiraz
	25% 470

### VINEYARD DATA



Elevation: Aspect/Slope:

Vine Age: Soil Types:

8-14 Years Oakland, Pengra, & Sutherlin Silt Loam

South-facing, 5-40% slope

FOOD PAIRING BBQ Ribs, Peppered Rib Eye, Pecorino Romano Cheese

