



# 2015 SYRAH

*Beppi Crosariol, Globe and Mail - 92 Points*

*John Schreiner - 92 Points*

Aromas of ripe red fruit and florals jump out of the glass with raspberries, cherries, blackberries, and rose water. Rounded and rich on the palate with ripe, silky tannins with further flavours of cracked pepper, vanilla and toasted coconut. Lingering pepper and baking spices on the finish.

## VINTAGE

The 2015 vintage kicked off with a warmer than average spring combined with minimal precipitation, leading to early bud break and flowering. The rest of the growing season followed suit with record breaking temperatures. Canopy management was key for Painted Rock in 2015. While harvest happened significantly earlier than normal though out the valley due to spiking sugar levels, we were able to forestall ripening long enough to ensure our phenolic ripeness (tannin) would have time to develop and be in balance with our sugar levels.

## WINEMAKING

Our Syrah was hand picked from our two estate syrah blocks. J block is planted with clone 100 and M block is planted with 99. This wine was aged for 18 months in 30% new oak. Of that new oak, 80% was French and 20% was American. The remaining 70% was aged in 2nd fill French oak.

**BLEND** 100% MERLOT

**CLONES** 99 & 100

**ROOT STOCK** 101-14 & 3309

**ALC % VOLUME** 14.9%

**PH** 4.02   **TA G/L** 6.2   **RS G/L** 2.7

**CSPC +** 130989