



FLANAGAN

2009 SYRAH



APPELLATION Bennett Valley
HARVEST DATE October 19th, 2009
pH 3.9
TA 5.9
ABV 16.2%
CASES PRODUCED 96
RELEASE DATE March 2012

VINTAGE NOTES

The Bennett Valley AVA in Sonoma County has become renowned for the quality of its Syrah. The Serenity Way Vineyard where we source our Syrah is high in elevation with steep, south and southwest aspects. We have one of the warmest and rockiest sites in Bennett Valley.

The 2009 Flanagan Syrah is a true triumph for us. The end of vintage saw heavy rains followed by lots of heat. By making a super strict selection we were able to craft a very good wine. Our 2009 Syrah displays great varietal character. It has the characteristic rich purple color and expressive nose that we always get from our Bennett Valley Estate. This vintage is a true expression of the classic Rhône profile.

TASTING NOTES

A nose of black fruit and spice is an introduction to the mélange of ripe black plum, warm crushed rock, vanilla, and pepper. This wine was barrel fermented and aged for 20 months in 100% new French oak barrel with minimal racking and the use of nitrogen to protect the wine during racking lets us to keep the wine in barrel longer. This allows for better integration of oak and fruit without losing the brightness of the wine.