



FLANAGAN

2017 SYRAH *Bennett Valley*



APPELLATION	Bennett Valley
HARVEST DATE	September 12th, 2017
pH	3.71
TA	5.87
ABV	14.3%
CASES PRODUCED	342
RELEASE DATE	October 2019

PRODUCTION NOTES

In 2017 crop set was generally better than in 2015 and 2016. A severe heat spike in late August resulted in some damage to grapes....but thick skinned varieties like Syrah were much less affected. This was especially true in cooler areas like Bennett Valley. People generally believe that a heat spike results in grapes that are riper. In fact, the heat spike we experienced in 2017 shut down the vines completely. Brix levels initially spiked due to desiccation but once the vines had a chance to recover Brix levels dropped back to where they were prior to the heatwave. In many of our vineyards we ended up harvesting at lower Brix levels than in 2016.

TASTING NOTES

The 2017 Flanagan Syrah Bennett Valley has the characteristic savory bouquet we get year after year. The nose opens with notes of cinnamon, coriander, and Bay Leaf. The palate has pomegranate, beef blood, and sage. As always the wine has a surprising amount of tannin structure for New World Syrah. The site for our Syrah in Bennett Valley produces ripe, generous, complex fruit and retains great acids. The small berries produced from the steep, volcanic hillside site give the wine great color and concentration.

This is a wine that can stand proudly with top Syrah from around the world.