



FLANAGAN

2018 SYRAH *Bennett Valley*



APPELLATION	Bennett Valley
HARVEST DATE	September 27th, 2018
pH	3.85
TA	5.39
ABV	14.2%
CASES PRODUCED	343
RELEASE DATE	October 2020

PRODUCTION NOTES

2018 Flanagan Syrah Bennett Valley is our thirteenth vintage of Syrah. The site for our Syrah is one of the finest vineyards for this variety in California. The vines are planted on 35 degree slopes on red volcanic rock. Very low soil vigor, a cool climate, and lots of wind make this a perfect place to grow Syrah.

Crop yields in 2018, while still low due to the nature of the site, were higher than previous years. This helped to slow ripening and to produce grapes with a classic Northern Rhone profile.

TASTING NOTES

The nose displays spice, white pepper, savory herbs, and leather. The palate has notes of black plum skin, black cherry, tobacco, and black olives. The 2018 has very nice acidity and a fresh mouthfeel.

This wine is another pillar in the argument that Bennett Valley should focus on Rhone Varieties.

This is a reference point for New World Syrah and a lovely example of what the grape can do in when it is planted on the correct site, well farmed, and made in a balanced way.