

VINEYARD & VINTAGE NOTES

A unique vintage with excellent growing conditions in both East and West of the Cascades. Walla Walla largely avoided any smoke impact from the numerous fires burning up and down the West Coast and ripened a gorgeous crop of grapes with abnormally low sugars (low alcohol by volume) and high acidity. This wine is sourced from two different vineyards, Yellowjacket and Stone Valley Vineyards, in the Rocks District of Milton-Freewater in the south of Walla Walla Valley on the Oregon side. Oregon's smallest and most uniform AVA. Here the Walla Walla River flows out of the Blue Mountains into the valley below. As the river meandered back and forth over the eons it built up 100 vertical feet of basalt river cobbles. The rocks allow the grapes to send their roots deep into the ground and radiate heat at night keeping the vines warm and developing at night.

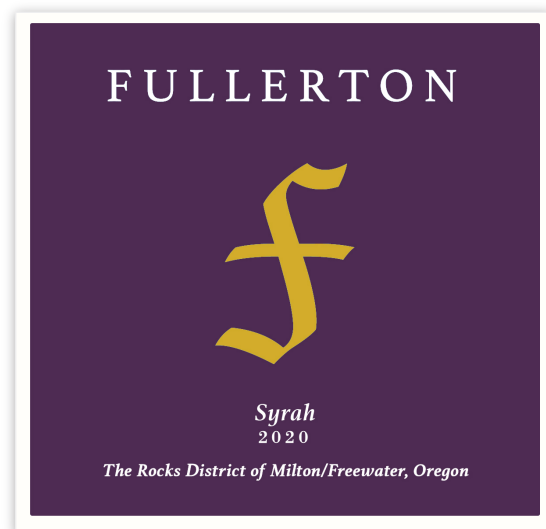
WINEMAKING NOTES

The two different vineyard sites were vinified separately. Yellowjacket Vineyard was fermented 100% whole-cluster and Stone Valley Vineyard was entirely de-stemmed and went through a three week extended maceration. The wines were aged separately in one new 500 L puncheon, one neutral puncheon, and two neutral 228 L standard barrels. It spent 22 months in barrel and the resulting blend is 55% whole cluster.

WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES

A striking, purplish red color in the glass. Offering up a nose of red raspberry, blackberry, plumb, pepper, tarragon, peat moss, and wet stone. Soft and smooth on the palate with a plush mouthfeel that brings the Rocks District front of mind. Showing the restraint and acid backbone that 2020 gave us, there is a tremendous tension between dark, herbal flavors and fresh, high-toned aromatics.

2020 ROCKS DISTRICT Syrah



Varietal	100% Syrah
Appellation	Rocks District, Walla Walla, Oregon
Clones	Clone 6
Alcohol	13.3%
pH	3.79
TA	5.1 g/L
Brix at Harvest	23.2-23.9
Aging Regime	One new and one neutral puncheon, two neutral barrels
Drinking Window	Now-2030
Cases Produced	165

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