

# BRIDGMAN . . .

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2008

SYRAH

## COLUMBIA VALLEY

Washington's success with vinifera grapes is due in large measure to the state's unique geography. The vineyards are planted on the east side of the Cascade Mountains which serve to protect the region from marine weather off the Pacific coast and limit rainfall to just 608 inches annually. Low rainfall and free-draining soils allow vineyard managers to control vine vigor in order to promote flavor development in the grapes. Warm daytime temperatures ripen fruit to perfection. Cool autumn nights protect the grapes natural acidity.

## TASTING NOTE

Dark, rich purple color. Blackberry, smokey cherry, pomegranate, vanilla bean and spice aromas. A round, expansive palate that is soft and fruity with dark cherry emphasis. The finish is lengthened with balanced acidity and lingering fruit. A global style that is a crowd pleaser.

## BLEND

87% Syrah  
6% Mourvedre  
4% Grenache  
2% Counoise  
1% Viognier

## BOTTLING

pH: 3.77  
TA: 0.55  
Alc: 13.5%

## VINEYARDS

Alder Ridge  
Canyon Ranch