



2012 B. LEIGHTON GRENACHE

Beauty and function are both present with components of sweet cherry and cherry blossoms, tones of gunpowder, spicy pepper and crushed rock, all of which sets an understanding for this wine. This Grenache then stands up and punctuates with beautiful density and finesse that linger with minerality and wet dirt with undertones of fennel and bay leaf.

BLEND

100% Grenache

APPELLATION

Yakima Valley

WINEMAKING

Yield: 2.5 tons per acre

Sorting: 1 time

Yeasts: Native

Treatment: Punch downs

Malolactic Fermentation: Native

Ageing: 100% neutral French puncheons for 18 months, sur lie with infrequent batonnage

Fining/Filtering: none

WINE ANALYSIS

.58 grams/100ml Total Acidity

3.91 pH

14.5% Alcohol

TOTAL PRODUCTION

90 cases

ABOUT

Washington winemaker, Brennon Leighton, created B. Leighton Wines to showcase fruit from the crest of Olsen Hills in the Yakima Valley. The first vintage, 2012, is a collection of a Petit Verdot, Grenache and Syrah - all wines that Brennon has always wanted to work with in Washington State. Along with vineyard owner Leif Olsen, Brennon planted the vineyard that is proportionate to the future field blends that will be created in 2015. This is a continuation of what Brennon was doing before and what he does best: feral fermentations with longer maceration and reductive winemaking that captures the varietal and the place it is from.

ACCOLADES

92 points, *Stephen Tanzer*

90-92 points, *Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate*

92 points, *Wine Spectator*

"Fresh and vibrant, densely packed onto a lithe frame, with floral cherry and guava flavors that dance through a jazzy finish, lingering effortlessly." (Harvey Steiman)

VINEYARD

Olsen Brothers: Olsen Brothers is located on the Northwest bend of the Yakima River as it turns North at Red Mountain. The elevation averages about 1000 feet and the soils are sandy with broken basalt.



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