



2012 B.LEIGHTON SYRAH

Dark and brooding, sensual and crushing, with layers and depth that is constant with black cherry and plum, whispers of green olive, white pepper and wet rock. Rich and curvy with seductive tannins, this Syrah finishes with lingering notes of scorched earth, gravel, cured meats and spices.

BLEND

100% Syrah

APPELLATION

Yakima Valley

WINEMAKING

Yield: 2.5 tons per acre

Sorting: 1 time

Yeasts: Native

Treatment: Punch downs

Malolactic Fermentation: Native

Primary fermentation: 100% whole cluster,
31 days on skins

Ageing: 25% new French oak for 18 months

Fining/Filtering: none

WINE ANALYSIS

.57 grams/100ml Total Acidity

3.95 pH

14.5% Alcohol

TOTAL PRODUCTION

108 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

91 points, *Wine Spectator*

91-93 points, *Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate*

94+ points, *Stephen Tanzer*

"Healthy dark red-ruby. Knockout nose combines raspberry, minerals, smoked meat, fresh blood and black pepper; shows the wildness I associate with Cornas from a generation ago. Silky, sappy and pure on the palate, offering superb intensity and rocky minerality to the vibrant flavors of black fruits, cured meat, orange rind and spices. Very long on the aftertaste, with suave tannins disappearing into the wine's fruit. A stunner." (Stephen Tanzer)

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.

