



Winemaker's Tasting Notes

Scot Covington - Winemaker

Trione 2015 Russian River Valley Syrah

The opinion of many is that 2015 was an excellent vintage, although drought conditions were all that was talked about for most of the year. Early dry conditions lead to an early bud break. The growing season was warm, dry and for most of the period, mild. It was the early bud break and relatively light crop that made 2015 one of the earliest harvests on record. It was certainly the earliest harvest for Trione as we began bringing in grapes for sparkling on August 12th and finished with the last of the Flatridge Zinfandel the first week of October.

Cases produced: 565

Winemaking: The 2015 Syrah is a blend of two French selections identified as 470 and 877. Both of these selections are considered high quality and originate from the northern Cote du Rhone. The wine is made much like our Pinot Noir in that it is fermented with a large portion of whole berries in open top fermenters. The wine is hand plunged up to four times per day to allow for maximum extraction of flavor and color from the skins. The whole berries retain the deep dark blackberry fruit character that is so intense in this wine. In addition to Syrah, five percent Viognier is added to the mix to give a floral, aromatic component to the wine.

Alcohol: 14.9 percent by volume

TA: 5.80 g/l

pH: 3.79

Tasting Notes: The 2015 Syrah is a Pinot lover's Syrah; rich and inviting on the nose and palate. A charcuterie of sweet, smoked meats comes to mind. The seductive aromas of peaty, wet earth with hints of plum, blueberry and wild

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blackberry preserves are ever present. This wine is rich and decadent with the body, balance and structure to age beautifully for the next 5-7 years. Enjoy this Syrah with almost any cuisine. Cheers!

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