

2022 DUMOL WILD MOUNTAINSIDE SYRAH



This coastal Syrah stands out with its diverse combination of vineyards and soils, resulting in a kaleidoscope of aromas and flavors.



Impressions

I love the seamlessness of our new vintage of Wild Mountainside Syrah. The fruit expression is classic Pacific-influenced cool climate – violet, black pepper and snappy dark fruits. The wine’s structure folds into the fruit extract so that the overall balance is graceful and elegant – there are no rustic hard edges here. There’s not much Syrah grown “out west”, and it plays an obvious second fiddle to Pinot Noir, but make no mistake, the best vineyards and expressions are world class with room to spare. One half of the wine was harvested prior to the vintage’s heat event while the balance, close to the ocean, waited it out. So we have richness and freshness in equal measure. A compelling wine and great follow-up to the brilliant 2021.

Deep inky dark fruit aromas alongside gravelly minerals, violet, and Kalamata. The palate flavors follow the aromas with a sweet core of blackberry pastille wrapped up in a coating of cocoa nib and cassis liqueur. The wine is quite densely packed with clear deep intensity before turning silky and graceful on an elegant lavender-infused finish. Drink between late-2024 and 2032.

Vineyard & Winemaking Details

APPELLATION	RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
VINEYARD	54% HOPPE-KELLY & 46% DUTTON-GREGORI
CLONE	ALBAN, SYRAH NOIR, ESTRELLA
VINE AGE	9-22 YEARS
HARVEST DATES	SEPTEMBER 6 & 15
BARREL AGING	AGED 15 MONTHS IN 20% NEW FRENCH OAK HOGSHEADS FROM TONNELLERIE ERMITAGE
ALCOHOL	14.1%
PRODUCTION	780 CASES OF 750ML