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## 2011 FOOL'S JOURNEY, SYRAH & VIOGNIER

AVA: YAMHILL-CARLTON

ALCOHOL 12.5%

VARIETAL: 90% SYRAH, 10% VIOGNIER

VINEYARD: DEUX VERT

ELEVAGE: NEUTRAL FRENCH OAK

DRY FARMED

HARVEST DATE: NOVEMBER 1ST

VINE AGE: 17 YEARS

WHOLE CLUSTER: 100%

SOIL: SEDIMENTARY OVER SILTSTONE



THE SUREST SIGN OF THE PERFECT UNION BETWEEN GRAPE, SUN, AND SOIL IS A WINE THAT REQUIRES NO SCIENCE, NO TECHNOLOGY, NO MANIPULATION, YET REMAINS COMPELLING EACH TIME YOU PUT YOUR NOSE TO THE GLASS. THE GRAPES FROM DEUX VERT ALWAYS ARRIVE IN PERFECT CONDITION, THEY ARE NOT DESTEMMED, THERE IS NO COLD SOAK, THERE IS NO ENZYME, NO YEAST... JUST GRAPES. EACH DAY THEY ARE TRODDEN TWICE PER DAY BY FOOT UNTIL THE MUST IS LIQUID ENOUGH FOR HAND PUNCHDOWNS. AFTER THE JUICE FERMENTED TO DRYNESS THE WINE IS RACKED DIRECTLY TO BARREL AND WAS RESTED IN BARREL FOR 28 MONTHS.

THE SHALLOW SOILS AT DEUX VERT HOLD LITTLE MOISTURE THROUGH OREGON'S LONG GROWING SEASON. THIS LACK OF WATER SLOWS THE PLANTS NATURAL VEGETATIVE GROWTH AND PRODUCES SMALL CROPS THAT ARE EARLIER TO RIPEN. THIS ALLOWS THE LATE RIPENING SYRAH GRAPE TO REACH FLAVOR MATURITY IN THE WILLAMETTE VALLEY, ALTHOUGH THE BRIX ARE NATURALLY CONSIDERABLY LOWER THAN ELSEWHERE IN THE NEW WORLD.

PLANTED IN 1995 THESE ARE AMONG OREGON'S OLDEST PLANTINGS OF SYRAH AND VIOGNIER VINES. THE 2011 FOOL'S JOURNEY REVEALS A SCHIZOPHRENIC ARRAY OF FLAVORS. THE NOSE IS EXPRESSIVE, BUT RATHER THAN A VIOLENT EXPLOSION OF UBER-MASCULINE NEW WORLD SEE-RAH, THIS IS A DELICATE FEMININE EXPERIENCE, CHANGING EACH TIME THE TASTER RETURNS TO THE GLASS. BLUEBERRY, VIOLETS, KIRSCH, LEATHER, BLACK PEPPER, AND TOBACCO WORK LIKE A CONGA LINE OF FRAGRANCE. THE PALATE HAS A WONDERFUL TENSION AND ELEGANCE, MEDIUM BODIED IT MOVES IN LINEAR FASHION IN THE MOUTH AND FINISHES WITH POWER, YET SEEMS ALMOST WEIGHTLESS.