



# SWEET CHEEKS WINERY & VINEYARD

## 2014 Syrah

APPELLATION : Applegate Valley AVA, Oregon, USA

VARIETAL COMPOSITION : 98% Syrah & 2% Viognier

HARVEST DATE(S) : September 27, 2014  
October 8, 2014

VINEYARD SOURCES : Quady North Vineyard & Serra Vineyard

COOPERAGE : Cold soaked five days to increase color and fruitiness. 2% Co-Ferment with Viognier to bring out more vibrant fruitful aromatics. Aged 22 months in 56% new oak, 22% second use oak and 22% neutral oak. Of that, 80% French oak and 20% American oak.

BOTTLING DATE : September 6, 2016

CASE PRODUCTION : 439 Cases Produced

WINE ANALYSIS : pH : 3.72 | TA : 6.4 g/L | Alcohol : 13.8%

## TASTING NOTES

Our 2014 Syrah is fruit-forward, luxuriously full-bodied, and has a rich burgundy in color. With rounded tannins and velvety texture, this complex Syrah embraces the palate with unique notes of boysenberry, toasted walnut, pomegranate and savory butterscotch. Seductive hints of vanilla and cacao indulge a lingering finish. Bold yet delicate, our 2014 Syrah is a perfect fireplace companion.

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## 2014 HARVEST OVERVIEW

2014 was a truly spectacular vintage in Oregon. Bud break was almost two weeks earlier than previous years, there was little concern of frost in the spring and the larger region saw very little rain during harvest, which all contributed to make this season perfectly exceptional. The vintage boasts both high quality and high quantity on the vine - a perfect combination - with intense fruitfulness and aromatics. The 2014 vintage was one of the driest and the warmest on record for each of Oregon's growing regions, and the ideal growing conditions led to above average yields that went on to produce some of Oregon's most exceptional wines yet.

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Our passion is to create wines that reflect the beauty surrounding us in the Southern Willamette Valley. We believe in producing exceptional wines through gentle processing. Each vintage is unique and we invite you to experience it.

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Established as a vineyard in 1978, the 55 acre estate vineyard sits on 140 acres of prime sloping hillside in the Southern region of the Willamette Valley wine appellation.