

2020 SOLAKSEN SYRAH

WINEMAKER NOTES

Our 2020 Solaksen Vineyard Syrah epitomizes the essence of its unique terroir with an abundance of rich fruit flavors and savory complexities. Its deep, inky purple hue hints at the wine's concentration and richness, while intense aromas of blackberry, blueberry, and black cherry intermingle with notes of violet, cracked black pepper, and smoked meat. On the palate, layers of ripe dark fruit, bacon fat, and black pepper are supported by firm tannins and bright acidity, culminating in a velvety texture and a long, lingering finish.

VINEYARD

Solaksen Vineyard, nestled in a pristine location within the Royal Slope AVA, stands as a beacon of quality viticulture within the region. With favorable microclimates and well-draining soils, which contribute to the development of grapes with concentrated flavors and balanced acidity, Solaksen Vineyard plays a pivotal role in shaping the identity of the wines crafted from its fruit.

VINTAGE

2020 started with a mild spring followed by a warm and dry summer, promoting even ripening and flavor development showcasing excellent fruit quality, balanced acidity, and vibrant flavors across varieties.

PAIRINGS

Grilled ribeye steak, braised lamb shanks, or smoked brisket, wild game dishes like venison or duck, mushroom risotto, or for a sweet, decadent pairing, dark chocolate.

APPELLATION: Royal Slope

COMPOSITION: 94% Syrah, 6% Viognier co-fermented

ALCOHOL: 14.2%

YEAST: Native yeast

FERMENTATIONS: 100% whole cluster, slow and low

AGING: All large formats and 225L neutral barrels

CELLARING: Enjoy now through 2028



91 POINTS
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