

RIDEAU VINEYARD

2021 STOLPMAN VINEYARD SYRAH

Stolpman remains one of the landmark vineyards of our neighboring Ballard Canyon AVA. The block we source from contains the oldest Syrah vines in the canyon, yielding fruit with remarkable depth and complexity. The 2021 vintage showcases concentrated dark fruit, savory spice, and refined tannins, with a vibrant acidity and structure that promise graceful aging.

2021 VINTAGE NOTES

A warm, even 2021 growing season in Ballard Canyon followed low winter rainfall and an early budbreak, with moderate temperatures and consistent canyon winds carrying the fruit through harvest. The vintage produced wines with bold structure, vibrant freshness, and balance that reflect the AVA's Rhône-leaning character.

VINEYARD SOURCE NOTES

Stolpman Vineyard benefits from a unique limestone outcropping and well-drained sand and clay loam soils in the heart of Ballard Canyon. The site's exposure to Pacific winds, warm days, and cool nights creates ideal conditions for slow, even ripening. Dry-farming, organic practices, and low yields result in fruit of remarkable concentration, balanced acidity, and a distinctly site-driven character.

VINEYARD & HARVEST

Vineyard: Stolpman Vineyard
AVA: Ballard Canyon
Soil: Chemise clay loam
Harvest: 9/2021

TECHNICAL

Brix: 23.1
MLF: Natural
Fermentation: On skins in bins
with 30% dried stems
Alcohol: 14.9%

AGING & RELEASE

Aging Duration: 22 months
Oak Type: 20% New French
Bottling Date: 1/2024
First Release: 9/2024

This Syrah is a natural with backyard barbecue – think hickory-smoked tri-tip, sticky baby back ribs, or a juicy bacon cheeseburger. Its rich, peppery character also makes it a knockout alongside Sunday pot roast, spaghetti and meatballs, or a slow-cooked beef chili on a cool evening.