



Tasting Notes

Syrah

“Syrah, as I have been told by many winemakers and restaurateurs, is one of the top food wines.” – Erin du Fresne, Cass Wines

BACKGROUND

- Red grape from the Rhône region of France.
- Also known as Shiraz.
- Grown worldwide, especially France, Australia, California, Washington State.
- Produces a wine with deep, dark color.

AROMAS and FLAVORS

- Strawberry, raspberry, blueberry, cherry.
- Leather, smoke, earth.
- Bacon fat, fresh pencil shavings, cigar.
- Moderate to strong tannins.

STYLES and BLENDS

- French oak adds vanilla notes.
- Hungarian and American oak bring out stronger smoke and earth flavors.
- Famously produced in France’s Hermitage and Côte-Rôti appellations.
- In Rhône style wines, often blended with Grenache and Mouvèdre.
- Popular style in America is very fruit-forward.

SUGGESTED PAIRINGS

- Red meats, steak, lamb.
- Wild game, duck, venison, elk.
- Spicy Italian or Mexican dishes.