

Helix 2013 Phinny Hill Vineyard Syrah

Horse Heaven Hills

DESCRIPTION

“Our 2013 Helix Syrah possesses rich and refreshing elements reminiscent of both warmer and cooler climates. The first splash brings forth aromas of fresh crushed blueberries that quickly evolve into darker baked fruit notes with hints of eastern spice and lightly smoked bacon. Given a little time, floral notes of lavender and violet begin to emerge. Its fine, soft tannins, along with its higher than usual acidity, animates the cool side showing off boysenberry, currant and early season blackberry. The warm side ushers in blueberry, a bit of fleshy meat and a finish of baked fruit with cassis and licorice shavings. The wine’s vibrancy adds to its food pairing versatility. Consider both lamb and pork with medium-grilled veggies.” - *Chuck Reininger, Winemaker*

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Blend: 100% Syrah

Cooperage: 100% neutral French Oak

Alc.: 14.3%

pH: 3.8

TA: 6.5 g/L

Bottled: July 2015

Total Production: 671 cases

THE VINEYARDS

PHINNY HILL Phinny Hill Vineyard, located on the western side of the Horse Heaven Hills is a 100 acre site atop a sun-drenched hill of rare cobble-filled soils left over from the Missoula Floods. At a 750 foot elevation, the rocky soils and eastern-facing slopes provide great irrigation and air drainage for their vines.

HISTORY OF HELIX SYRAH

Helix Wines has been sourcing Syrah since its first vintage in 2002, but it wasn’t until the following year that a single varietal was released. Sourced primarily from Stone Tree and/or Phinny Hill Vineyards, the Helix Syrah is commonly produced in a northern Rhone style with traces of baked blueberries and a light gaminess year after year. Highlights of past accolades include:

- 2004: 91 points, *Wine Spectator*; Double Gold Medal, *Wine Press NW*; 90 points & “Pick of the Week,” *Seattle Times*
- 2006: 91 points, *Wine Enthusiast*; 90 points, *Wine Advocate & Wine Spectator*
- 2008: 91 points, *Wine Enthusiast*; 90 points, *Wine Spectator*
- 2012: Jefferson Cup, *Jefferson Cup Wine Invitational*; 90 points, *Wine Enthusiast*



HELIX WINES – MORE TO EXPLORE

Helix Wines are the culmination of a long, storied family history in the Washington and Oregon wine and agriculture industries and a reflection of our family’s belief that farming and winemaking is all about discovery. Helix wines are produced by the same family who create REININGER at our Walla Walla Valley winery. Named for a farmstead in Helix, Oregon, where our grandparents met, married, and farmed, Helix is truly a reflection of our family’s pioneering background and strong sense of place. Since the first Helix vintage in 2002, our goal is to explore the diverse and unbounded Columbia Valley and to see for ourselves what the Columbia Valley vineyards are capable of producing.