

2015 Justine

Southern Rhone Red Blend

The story of this wine. Justine reflects our belief that Washington is capable of producing world-class blends of grape varieties traditional to the Southern Rhone region of France. The name is inspired by one of the great heroines of recent literature, who also sprung from the imagination of the Mediterranean. Dark, seductive, complex, with a chasm of depth. The Justine is a great reflection of Avennia's mission of expression, and Washington's generous *terroir*.

Winemaker Tasting Notes. "The nose on this wine starts deep and brooding, with black raspberry, black cherry, licorice pastille, cocoa, fresh herbs, and crushed rock. On the palate, the Mourvèdre brings a savory umami note, along with black and red fruits, and a variety of desert herbs—sage, lavender, hint of rosemary. The biggest and most structured vintage yet of this wine, it should last a decade and better with ease."
- Chris Peterson, Winemaker

Vintage: 2015

AVA: Columbia Valley

Blend:

55% Grenache
32% Mourvèdre
13% Syrah

Vineyards:

55% Upland Grenache;
32% Kiona Heart of the Hill
Mourvèdre; 13% Oldfield Syrah,
Clone 383

pH 3.84

TA 5.3g/L

VA .70g/L

Alcohol 14.8%

Winemaking:

Native yeast fermentation,
15% whole cluster
100% neutral French oak,
aged 16 months.
Bottled unfiltered, unfiltered.

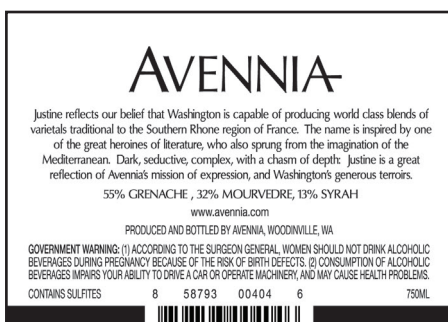
Cases: 575

Release: December 2017



Robert Parker's Wine Advocate - 92 pts

"...the 2015 Justine reveals aromas of spicy black fruit, cracked black pepper and licorice. On the palate, it's medium to full-bodied, pure and succulent, with velvety tannins, a juicy core of fruit and ripe, mouthwatering acids. It's an attractive Côtes du Rhône-styled blend. Drink it over the next 5 or 6 years." - William Kelley



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