

2021 ARNAUT

Boushey Vineyard Syrah

The Story of This Wine. For our taste, no one grows finer Syrah in the state than Dick Boushey. We make this wine with minimal manipulation using native yeasts, bottling unfinned and unfiltered, to allow the “place” to shine through. We named this wine after the Provençal troubadour, Arnaut Daniel, who invented the Sestina poem form, thus creating a connection between our two flagship efforts.

Winemaker’s Tasting Notes. “Showing beautiful and complex savory aromas of dark plum, fresh-picked blackberry, oil-cured Kalamata olives, dried mesquite, menthol, salted licorice, and rubbed thyme. It is quite burly on the palate, with inky essences of black plum, smoked meats, black olive, wild herbs, and an intense stony minerality. Shows a fine structure with great tension on the palate. It’s worth waiting a few years for this wine to settle into 15 years or so of great drinking.” - Chris Peterson, Winemaker

Blend: 100% Syrah

AVA: Yakima Valley

Vineyard: Boushey

Cases: 415

Winemaking: Native yeast, 15% whole cluster fermentation. Aged 18 months in 15% new oak. Bottled unfinned and unfiltered.

Alcohol: 14.8%

Release: September 2023

95 points, Jeb Dunnock

“Brought up in 15% new oak (with 15% whole clusters), the 2021 Syrah Arnaut is also gorgeous, with a beautiful sense of purity and finesse. Ripe blackberries, hints of red fruits, spicy herbs, leather, and pepper all define the aromatics, and it’s medium to full-bodied on the palate, with a pure, elegant mouthfeel and fine tannins. It shines for its overall balance and purity every bit as much as its richness and power. Enjoy bottles over the coming 10-15 years.”

