

MARTIN WOODS SYRAH, THE ROCKS DISTRICT OF MILTON-FREEWATER



100% Syrah. Highly complex aromas of dark bramble berries, lavender, violet pastilles, olive tapenade, smoke, Chinese five spice and wet stones. The full-bodied palate displays a lively, savory and umami-driven profile packed with flavors of hoisin, citrus-infused red and black fruits and a liquid-rock salinity. The finish is exceptionally long, structured and perfumed, leaving a lingering trail of Moroccan spices and incense. Pairs brilliantly with hearty meat dishes like slow-braised short ribs, grilled steaks or venison and earthy stews. Organic.

Sourced from two premier sites—the Rockbar and River Rock vineyards—located within The Rocks District of Milton-Freewater AVA, a unique sub-appellation situated on the Oregon side of the Walla Walla Valley. The vineyard is on a level alluvial fan landform at roughly 500 feet. The soil is deep, well-drained cobblestone gravel. The vines are 15-20 years old. Winemaker Evan Martin utilized a "sandwich method" with 50% stem inclusion (layering whole-clusters between destemmed grapes) and conducted an extended 45-day infusion-style maceration. The wine completed an élevage of 18 months on its undisturbed lees in mostly neutral French oak barrels before bottling.

Founded in 2009 by winemaker Evan Martin, Martin Woods Winery grew from a boutique label into a highly acclaimed estate when Martin hand-built a permanent, secluded winery facility in the Coast Range foothills in 2017. A former basketball player and philosophy student who honed his craft during a near-decade-long apprenticeship at Belle Pente Vineyard, Martin launched the project to create structured, low-intervention wines that truly reflect the Willamette Valley terroir. Today, the winery operates as a premier boutique producer celebrated for its elegant Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, and Gamay Noir, distinguished by Martin's signature use of locally coopered Oregon oak barrels. Martin continues to serve as the hands-on proprietor and master craftsman, maintaining a vibrant community presence through his downtown McMinnville tasting room, the HiFi Wine Bar, and custom collaborative projects.

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Shelf Talker:

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