



Locations

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Washington NV

Dave Phinney founded Orin Swift Cellars in 1998, but it wasn't until 2000 that the success of 'The Prisoner,' a Zinfandel blend, enabled Dave to focus on Orin Swift Cellars full time. The 'Mercury Head,' 'Veladora,' 'Saldo,' 'Papillon,' and 'Palermo' labels soon followed, each label demonstrating Dave's interest in

art and his ability to create surprising, unconventional blends that consumers were wanting. Looking for a new wine project, Dave visited Maury in the Roussillon region of Southern France in 2008 after hearing about it from a friend. Amazed by the area's potential he made his first wine, a Grenache blend named D66, from the area in 2009.

The concept of 'Locations' is quite simple but ultimately made complex while retaining 'fun' at the core. Simple in that the ethos is to make the best possible wine from a given country or location. The complex is tracking down vineyards that contribute to the blend while keeping the soul of the wine in place. The fun is travelling around the world and meeting incredible people while tearing down the 'rules wall', making the wine his own way.

The result is quite impressive and the highly regarded critic Robert Parker had this to say of Dave's latest project:

"If you judge wines on how they taste and the degree of pleasure they offer, they are all incredible efforts.

The three new cuvees I tasted are among the finest wine values one could hope to find. If there are better wines for under \$20 a bottle in the world today, please share that information with The Wine Advocate."

- Robert Parker, The Wine Advocate #213, June 2014

The wines are all non-vintage by law, despite the fact they are from a single vintage. This is due to TTB standards that 'table wines' are not allowed to carry a vintage. These are not your cafe wines at a cafe in Paris but much more intense and serious offerings. They are multi-grape and multi-regional blends showcasing the characteristics of indigenous or site appropriate grapes from select countries' most regarded regions all through the Phinney lens.

A sixth generation vintner and friend of Locations winemaker, Dave Phinney once said, "if I was twenty-one, single, and could make wine anywhere in world, it would be Washington." With that endorsement and incentive, Dave immediately made the trek to the Pac NW searching the best sites for his vision of 'Washington.' He selected diverse vineyard blocks within the state's best growing regions and highlighting what he felt were the best grapes of the heralded 2014 vintage: Syrah, Merlot & Petite Sirah.

Composition

Syrah - Merlot - Petite Sirah

Élevage

10 months in 75% French & 25% American barrique (33% new)

Tasting Notes

“ Deep purple in color, the wine brims with aromas of wild blueberries, cassis, and pleasing notes of forest floor. The palate is initially treated to dense flavors of plum, milk chocolate and framboise. Following, a delightful interplay of violet, anise, black tea, and brown spices soon emerge giving further character to the wine. Silky tannins encapsulate things with a very pure and true finish. ”

Reviews

None