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LUKE 2018 Syrah RESERVE Wahluke Slope AVA Columbia Valley

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Vineyards: Stone Tree Vineyard
Varietals: 97% Syrah; 2% Mourvèdre; 1% Grenache
Alc: 14.7%
pH: 3.79
TA: 5.8 g/L
French & American Oak
186 cases produced

Winemaker: Peter Devison

All fruit was hand harvested in mid-September and immediately processed to preserve freshness. With 20% whole clusters, the fruit was lightly crushed and delivered to concrete vessels for primary fermentation, which occurred spontaneously and lasted 18 days. The wine was gently pressed off skins and put immediately into French oak barrels, 30% new and 70% neutral. After secondary fermentation, the wine was left to age on lees until bottling in January 2020. Unfined, unfiltered.

Vibrant and saturated, with a youthful, dark purple color, the nose charms with its dense mix of crushed dark berries, cured olive, grilled herbs and black licorice. Ultra-rich and seamless with a solid core of plum, blackberry and savory olive, the palate is full, well-shaped and layered. The finish has a beautiful mineral-laced brightness and lingering notes of pomegranate and baking spices.

I heard stories about him for years, saw him in the flesh a few times, and spoke to him only once. The true depth of a man's character is often unknowable, but even one conversation was enough to convince me that Luke was an imitation of no one. He revealed himself slowly, like a freed wind emerging from the shadow of a mountain. Seemingly ordinary at first, but undeniably complex. Bold and determined, but unabashedly generous.



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