

# 2016 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 2016 Justine leaps from the glass with Grenache-driven aromas of cherry compote, black raspberry, herbes de Provence, forest floor, orange peel, and star anise. The palate is deeply complex, while remaining light on its feet. Complex flavors of kirsch liqueur, candied orange peel, licorice root, and crushed rock notes, with earthy bass notes to balance out the bright Grenache fruit." - Chris Peterson, Winemaker

**Vintage:** 2016

**AVA:** Yakima Valley

**Blend:** 56% Grenache,  
32% Mourvèdre, 12% Syrah

**Winemaking:** Native yeast,  
15% whole cluster fermentation,  
20% aged in concrete,  
80% aged 16 months in neutral  
French oak.

Bottled unfined, unfiltered.

**Alcohol:** 15.0%

**Release:** December 2018

**Vineyards:**

Upland Vineyard Grenache,  
Kiona Heart of the Hill Mourvèdre,  
Oldfield Vineyard Syrah Clone 383

**Cases:** 390

**92 pts, Jeb Dunnock:**

"...offers a great core of black fruits as well as lots of peppery herbs, earth, and classic meatiness. It looks to be a great vintage for this cuvée."

- Jeb Dunnock

**Awards:** 2016 vintage - Top 100 Wines of 2019, WA Wine Blog



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