

# 2017 Justine

## *Southern Rhône 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.** "A palpable sense of freshness is a defining character of this year's Justine. Notes of raspberries, fresh cut flowers, anise seeds, and rubbed thyme greet the nose. On the palate, too, there is a sense of poise and precision to the fresh red berry, crushed rock, floral, and herb notes. It's tempting to drink it on release, but will also age very well for 5-8 years."

- Chris Peterson, Winemaker

**Vintage:** 2017

**AVA:** Yakima Valley

**Blend:** 61% Grenache,  
23% Mourvèdre, 16% Syrah

**Winemaking:** 15% whole cluster fermentation with native yeast, aged 16 months in 80% neutral French oak and 20% concrete. Bottled unfined, unfiltered.

**Alcohol:** 14.6%

**Release:** December 2019

**Vineyards:**

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

**Cases:** 315

### Jeb Dunnuck - 91 points

"...it offers beautiful berry and red plum fruits as well as peppery herbs and floral nuances, medium-bodied richness and depth, silky tannins, and a great finish. It shows the elegant style of the vintage nicely and will evolve gracefully over the coming 7-8 years." - JD

