

2018 Justine

Southern Rhône-Style 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 Note. "Dark-hued fruits of black raspberry, huckleberry, rubbed thyme and lavender, meadow flowers, with hints of cocoa nibs and citrus peel. Rich and layered on the palate with brambly berry notes, mocha, and crushed rock. Though this is among one of the most concentrated examples of Justine, due to the strength of the 2018 vintage, there's a nice elegance here. Look for this wine to cellar for the short term, but age nicely for a decade or more. Drink 2021-2030." - Chris Peterson, Winemaker

Vintage: 2018

AVA: Yakima Valley

Blend: 61% Grenache,
21% Mourvèdre, 18% Syrah

Vineyards:

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

Winemaking: Native yeast, 20%
fermentation in concrete, 15%
whole cluster. Aged 16 months in
neutral French oak. Bottled
unfined, unfiltered.

Alcohol: 14.6%

Release: September 2020

Cases: 310

96 points - Wine Enthusiast

"There's plentiful huckleberry aromas along with notes of black raspberry, dried herb, black pepper, flower, smoked meat and bittersweet chocolate, showing nuance and detail. The palate is swoon-worthy and knee-buckling, bringing depth and balance along with seemingly endless length. It's shockingly good, with the outrageous balance what separates it. Best from 2022-2027." - Sean Sullivan, Wine Enthusiast

