



# TASTING PACK WINE #123

## TASTING NOTES BY: MASTER SOMMELIER JOSH NADEL

Med intensity ruby core, hints of color change at the rim indicating the very beginning of bottle age. Med staining of tears. Med + intensity of dark black fruit and powerful savory notes of provencal herbs & black pepper. Distinct aromas and flavors of black olives and grilled venison which pop out big time on the palate. There are hints of vanilla here, but the oak is not a hugely important element of this wine.

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## TASTING NOTES BY: ADVANCED SOMMELIER CHRIS DILLMAN

Nearly opaque purple core with a bright fuchsia edge. Black pepper, olive, smoke, and lavender nose. There's a ripeness, generosity, and forwardness to the fruit on the nose as well as the palate with notes of jammy dark cherry, blackberry and plum. There are also notes of thyme here and the tannins are well integrated and the acidity here is medium plus.

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**Sweetness:** Dry  
**Tannin:** Medium  
**Alcohol:** Medium Plus  
**Acid:** Medium Plus  
**Oak:**

So...  
WHAT  
IS IT?

old world  
or new?

climate?

grape?

country?

place



## WINE DETAILS:

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**Winery:** Gramercy Cellars

**Cuvee:** Lower East

**Grape:** Syrah

**Country:** U.S.A.

**Regions:** Columbia Valley

**Vintage:** 2016

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**Alcohol:** 13.4%

**Elevage:** Fermented 76% whole cluster and aged Predominately in neutral French oak Barrels and puncheons for 17 months.

**Other:** Gramercy Cellars is the brainchild Of Master Sommelier turned winemaker Greg Harrington

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## NOTES :

A new world wine made with old world inspiration; the savory and structure is just as important as the fruit. That being said, the fruit, alcohol and moderate acidity pushes this wine into the new world. Only one varietal delivers this profile of savory, olive & meaty wrapped in soft tannins and dark fruit. Whole cluster syrah. Syrah from Washington is like a hybrid between Old World Syrah and Californian Syrah. To help you distinguish between these look towards to quality and prominence of the fruit. Old World will have fruit but will not dominate the wine as it would in New World expressions. Once you have put yourself in the New World camp of Syrah consider the quality of the fruit and acidity. Californian Syrah will show more notes red fruits and lean towards white pepper instead of black. Australian Syrah often is very rich and bold with firmer tannins. Washington state will lean more towards blacker fruits with higher acidity.

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