



2018 Ketchie

Fifth Edition Recognition Collection Blend Columbia Valley AVA

I am very proud to introduce the **Fifth** of our **Recognition Collection** of wines. My passion is making great blended wines. I offer a wide selection of them, largely inspired by the classic blends of Europe. Each **Recognition** wine is unique in its blend and is named after someone who played a special role in my life. This year I bring you **Ketchie**, a Cotes du Rhone style blend from Washington.

This wine is dedicated to my mother who was affectionately known as **Ketchie** to all who knew her. I owe my mother so much for making me who I am today, including my appreciation of food and wine. The blends of the Cotes du Rhone region of southern France are appreciated for their generous fruit made by blending various quantities of Grenache, Syrah, Mourvedre and others. Syrah has been taking an increased role in the region and is the center piece of this blend. Bright fruits of blackberry and raspberry jump from the glass with notes of black pepper, spice and a touch of oak. The palate holds considerable weight while finishing with balanced acidity and a pretty tannin structure. This wine pairs well with a wide variety of foods including fowl and beef.

My Mother might have served it with lamb burgers served with wild mushrooms!



Wine Data

Syrah	59%
<i>Elephant Mountain, Yakima Valley (37%)</i>	
<i>Stone Tree Vineyard, Wahluke Slope (22%)</i>	
Mourvedre	23%
<i>Sugar Loaf Vineyard, Yakima Valley (20%)</i>	
<i>Stone Tree Vineyard, Wahluke Slope (3%)</i>	
Grenache	11%
<i>Lonesome Springs Vineyard, Yakima Valley</i>	
Cinsault	6%
<i>Stone Tree Vineyard, Wahluke Slope</i>	
Counoise	1%
<i>Elephant Mountain, Yakima Valley</i>	

Oak Aging

Aged in French oak, 20% new & 80% used (1-5 years)

Analysis at Harvest

Harvest Dates	9/6 to 10/19, 2018
Average Brix	25.4
Average TA	0.47%
Average pH	3.52

Analysis at Bottling

Residual Sugar	>0.1%
TA (%)	0.56%
pH	3.64
Alcohol	14.4%

Production 293 cases

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Winemaker

“A Passion for the Art of Blending”

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