

VA PIANO
Vineyards



2008 Columbia Valley Syrah 20 Barrel Lot

Varietal Composition: 100% Syrah

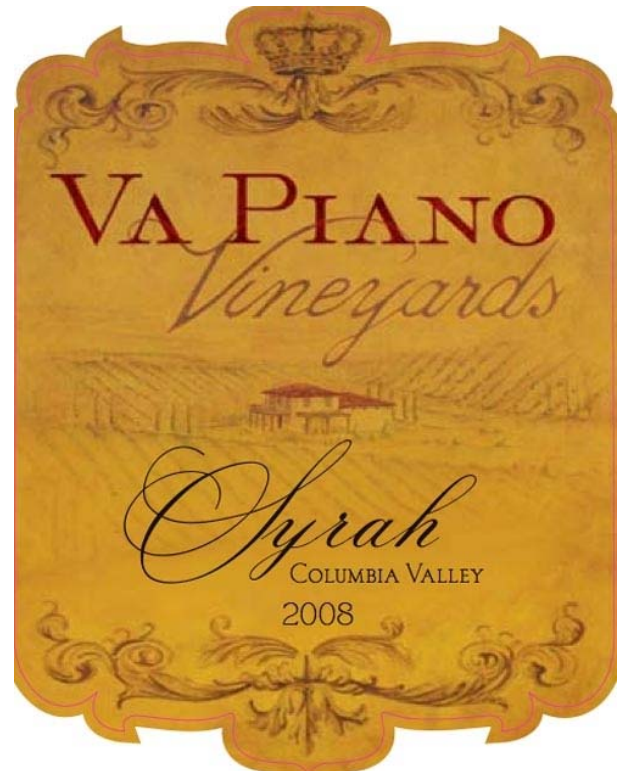
Vineyard Sources:

- 25% Portteus Vineyard
- 25% Lewis Vineyard
- 20% Phinney Hill Vineyard
- 10% Minnick Vineyard
- 10% Les Collines
- 10% Va Piano Estate

Oak Composition: 30% New French

Barrel Aging: 15 months

Chemistry: Alcohol 14.2%, TA .59, pH 3.84



2008 Vintage Description

Looking back, the 2008 vintage started with a late cold and wet spring. Knowing our growing season would not be as long, we thinned clusters very early allowing the plants to fully ripen the fruit. As harvest approached, we were blessed with warmer weather and frost-free nights. The 2007 wines were bigger, riper wines as very hot weather swept across Washington State. The 2008 wines are beautifully balanced because of a moderately warm summer with longer hang time that reached late in to October and early November.

Winemaker Notes

This is a sexy, yet sophisticated Syrah! The nose lure's you in with pretty aroma's of red fruits such as raspberry and boysenberry with a hint of smoldering graphite. The mouthfeel is structured with racy acidity, luscious gaminess, and a spicy finish.

Justin Wylie, winemaker