

2018 AWS Syrah tasting – 10 Feb 2018

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2009 Zaca Mesa Santa Ynez Valley 14.5% Hugo's on 32nd St. Grand Forks \$13. Hand harvested, sorted and destemmed, aged in French oak 16 months.

2010 Ouled Thaleb Morocco 14%, 100% syrah, Grapevine Cottage Indianapolis \$18. Fermented in concrete tanks, 12 months in French oak. Vineyard is ten miles NE of Casablanca facing the Atlantic Ocean. "With 2500 years of wine making history, enjoy the new wines from the Old World."

2010 Vina Von Siebenthal, Carabantes 14.5% Panquehue, Aconcagua Valley, Chile, 21st Amendment, Indianapolis \$30. 85% syrah 15% cabernet sauvignon. Francisco de Carabantes, a Spanish priest, brought the first fine wine grapes to Chile in 1554. This wine is named to honor him.

2011 Luca, Laborde Double Select, 14% Uco Valley, Mendoza, Argentina. Whole Foods Nora Indianapolis \$24. Luis Laborde brought a mass selection of the Rhone Valley's best syrah vines to Mendoza. The vines were planted and the best were again selected for this Uco Valley vineyard.

2011 Sparkman Darkness 15.3% Yakima Valley Washington. Surdyk's \$40. Grapes came from both Boushey and Olsen Vineyards, two of the best sites for syrah in Washington state. Aged in 30% new oak.

2012 Jaffurs 14.5% Santa Barbara County. Binny's South Loop Chicago \$25. Dedicated to producing great Rhone-style wines, all their wines are limited production, hand-crafted in small lots.

2012 Mr. Riggs Piebald Syrah 14.5% Adelaide Hills Australia. 95% syrah 5% viognier. Binny's South Loop Chicago \$25. Using grapes from cool sites, Ben Riggs wanted to make a winemaker's wine, a wine he would love to drink. He aimed for a finer, spicy, somewhat prettier style of red.

2012 Spring Valley Vineyard Nina Lee 14.5% Walla Walla Valley WA. Estate grown 100% syrah. Grapevine Cottage Indianapolis \$37. "Nine-ah Lee". Aged 21 months in French oak 50% new.

2013 Ex Umbris 14.1% Columbia Valley WA. 100% syrah. Binny's South Loop Chicago \$25. From four vineyards including Red Willow and Destiny Ridge, cellared and bottled by Owen Roe.

2013 Sequel 14.8% Columbia Valley WA. 92% syrah 8% cabernet sauvignon. Bottle Barn Fargo \$49. Made by John Duval for the Long Shadows Vintners Collection, he crafted Penfolds Grange for 16 years. Bacchus and Boushey Vineyards provide the majority of the fruit.

2014 Sobon Estate 14.5% Amador County CA. Total Wine Maple Grove MN. \$18.50. 92% syrah 2% viognier 4% petite sirah 2% roussanne. Aged 14 months in used French and American oak barrels. "From our steep hillside vineyard, one of the oldest syrah plantings in the state, organically farmed and very lightly cropped."

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