

Variety: Sangiovese (100%)

Origin & Grower: Hamm's and Old Winery Vineyards (Lyle, WA, USA); Robert McCormick

The Site: Two small blocks on shallow soils at elevation, on the sunny, northern bank of the Columbia River.

The Vintage: An early spring gave way to a summer of somewhat erratic weather. First grapes came off early, but the season had calmed and began to stretch, giving an unusually unhurried harvest season.

Harvest: October 3rd & 10th, 2016 (22.4 degrees Brix)

Lab: pH 3.80, 14 %ABV

A Few Words: The decision to bottle Sangiovese separately was reached with caution. We were determined that the grape should reveal something of its particular, melancholic nature here before we'd free it from the 'Whimsy' blend.



Idiot's Grace

Sangiovese
2016
Columbia Gorge AVA

Fermentation, Upbringing and Bottling

Harvested a portion in advance of rain, but some after. Pressed directly to barrel; fermented by wild yeast and bacteria. Assembled and bottled in August of 2018; 48 cases produced.