

# 2023 JUSTINE

## *Southern Rhône-Style Blend*

**The Story of This Wine.** Justine reflects our belief that Washington is capable of producing world-class blends of grape varieties traditional to the Southern Rhône region of France. The name is inspired by one of the great heroines of recent literature, who also sprung from the imagination of the Mediterranean. Dark, seductive, complex, with a chasm of depth. The Justine is a great reflection of Avennia's mission of expression, and Washington's generous terroir.

**Winemaker's Tasting Notes.** "Dark raspberry, Alpine strawberry, tangerine peel, tincture of herbes de Provence, meadow flowers, and crushed slate. The palate is quite dense and fleshy, with concentrated dark red fruits, crushed dried herbs, and peppered cured meat carrying through to a finish that has a nice dusty minerality. This is delicious now, but 3-5 years in the cellar will help it round out. Drink 2028-2035." - Chris Peterson, Winemaker

**Blend:** 63% Grenache, 25% Mourvèdre, 12% Syrah

**AVA:** Yakima Valley

**Vineyards:** Upland Grenache, Kiona Heart of the Hill Mourvèdre, Oldfield Syrah

**Cases:** 389

**Winemaking:** 20% whole cluster, native fermentation in concrete. Aged 18 months in neutral puncheons. Bottled unfiltered, unfiltered.

**Alcohol:** 14.6%

**Release:** September 2025

### 95 points, Owen Bargreen

"The amazing 2023 'Justine' combines mainly Upland Vineyard Grenache with smaller parts Mourvèdre and Syrah. Garrigue and mandarin orange rind fill the nose alongside wet stone and shades of smoked meats. The palate is soft, complex and absolutely delicious, with its delightful core of bright red fruits, alongside citrus zest and red rose water.

This will surely live on for another decade. Drink 2025-2037."

