

# THE WALLS

## 2016 CONCRETE MAMA SYRAH

### Behind the Name

Concrete tanks, one of the oldest vessels for wine fermentation, help us create wines with freshness and energy. The name of this wine, Concrete Mama, was partly inspired by Ethan Hoffman's photo series in the late 70's which focused on inmates at the Washington State Penitentiary, who named the concrete wall surrounding the prison 'Concrete Mama'.

"Concrete Mama" still sits sentinel above our little town; life is hard inside her walls, but for those who make it out, a new beginning beckons.

This wine bears her nickname because nature's struggle of transforming these Rocks District grapes into fine wine took place within similar walls of concrete - with loads of hard work and community. Concrete Mama leaves these Walls full of promise. All you need to do is give it a chance "on the outside".



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### BLEND:

95% Syrah, 5% Viognier

### AVA/VINEYARD:

The Rocks District of Milton Freewater AVA,  
River Rock Vineyard, Tablas Creek Clone

### HARVEST DATE:

9/17/16

### PRODUCTION:

- Fermented in 100% concrete tanks
- Aged in 53% new French oak, 47% neutral French oak, 76% large format barrels.

**\$78/ bottle**

### Tasting Notes

This wine offers up classic Rocks District AVA markers, such as olive tapenade, a velvety texture and salinity. Red currants, toasted oak and cocoa flavors mingle with a wonderful savory character.

Its companion wine is Mahana, syrah from the same vineyard, but Joseph Phelps clone. The two wines are very interesting to taste side by side.

### Pairing Notes

We recommend pairing this wine with seared duck breast and cherry compote.