

THE WALLS

2016 GASPARD

The Story Behind the Name

Legend has it that in 1224 a Knight named Gaspard, wounded and weary from the battles of the Albigensian Crusade, was given permission by the Queen of France to recover atop a granite peak in the storied Hermitage. Through with bloodshed, Gaspard became a hermit, but was soon joined by others seeking similar refuge. Together, they began to tend the area's mythical vines. "It's crazy to think that almost 800 years ago, a hermit on a hill walled himself off from the world and in doing so, inspired this wine," says Ali

Production Notes

We've always loved the intensity of the Red Heaven fruit that gives Gaspard its magic and this year we decided to blend Cheys into it. Cheys' Joseph Phelps clone is younger, so it has a perfect youthful acidity to balance the depth of Gaspard. Together, they were too good to ignore. "This wine is out of control--it has everything happening," says Ali. This Syrah was aged in 62% new oak, combination of 600L and 320L barrels, fermented in concrete then aged in the larger barrels. The blend was racked to oak tank and aged about one month before bottling.



BLEND:
100% Syrah

AVA/VINEYARD
Red Mountain AVA

HARVEST DATE
Oct. 2016

ABV: 15.4%

pH: 3.86

327 cases produced
Retail: \$48