



For many years, we simply called this vineyard “ Preston Ranch” for the site was the previous home of the Preston Dairy. Grapes from this vineyard made Longboard's inaugural wine, the 1998 Russian River Valley Syrah, and continue to be part of our RRV Syrah blend. A few barrels were selected to represent the best wine we produced from this vineyard in 2013.

The reddish soil of this vineyard combines with a climatic pattern of warm days and cool nights to consistently produce a classic Syrah that delivers a great core of fruit flavors and aromas held together by mellow tannins and a lively natural acidity. We harvest the grapes at night and deliver them cool to the winery at first light. We cold-soak the must for three days and allow it to slowly warm up to fermentation temperatures. Our winemaking is light-handed, relying more on choosing the right moment to harvest the fruit than on excessive manipulation at the winery. The barrels are racked once in the spring after harvest and the wine is bottled without any finning or filtration.

As with all the wines of Longboard, the point of this wine is to strike a balance of components that manifests in a complex and layered experience that is true to the variety and the growing season. The 2013 Ledbetter Syrah delivers strata of plum and blackberry aromas and flavors with a slightly spicy overnote that we sometime describe as 'white pepper'. The acidity, tannin structure and fruitiness are counter balanced to finish with a long after taste of coffee bean notes and ensure the wine will age gracefully in the following years.

Cheers,

Oded Shakked - Owner & Winegrower

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2013

SYRAH

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
LEDBETTER FAMILY VINEYARD

Composition: 100% Syrah.

Appellation: Russian River Valley

Fermentation: 3 Day cold-soak,
Open top fermentation

Ageing: 18 months in French Oak
barrels, 40% New

Analysis: Alcohol 14.5 %
TA 6.0 g/L pH 3.65

Production: 114 Cases

MSRP: \$ 49.00