



OROFINO

CINSAULT ROSÉ 2024

Few and Far Between
Washington Series

Vineyard distance from winery = 430km
Naches Heights AVA, Strand Vineyard
Fermented and aged in concrete tanks
No fining agents used
12.5 % alcohol 3.1 g/l RS
750ml bottles - 150 cases
1.5L magbags - 400 magbags
Original artwork by Coranne Creswell

Cinsault is a classic Provençal variety that is responsible for much of their beloved rosé wines. We searched hard for a suitable varietal and site to make some rosé wine from and we got lucky to have found a 1 acre block from Naches Heights AVA just west of Yakima, Washington. Perhaps one of the most unique and beautiful vineyards I have ever been in. It is magic. At 1900 feet it is one of the highest vineyards in Washington meaning harsh soils, cool climate and concentrated grapes.



Naches Heights AVA is located on a 1.5 million-year-old andesite lava flow. It is believed to be the longest andesite lava flow in the world. Unlike almost all regions of the Columbia Valley, which have basalt bedrock, the appellation has andesite bedrock with an extraordinary amount of quartz. The extreme elevation and the appellation's proximity to the Cascade Mountains make it cooler relative to many other Columbia Valley appellations. Due to its higher elevation, Naches Heights is also wholly above the level of the Missoula Floods, a series of repeated, cataclysmic events that define the soils of the majority of Washington's (and British Columbia's) grape growing regions. Unlike these areas, which have alluvial soils, Naches Heights is all windblown soil (Loess), which continues to accumulate. The soil also contains a significant amount of clay, helping to retain water.



Naches Heights is a new grape growing region, with its first vinifera plantings in 2002. All of these vineyards are farmed either organically, biodynamically, or salmon-safe, with some a combination.

Phil Cline operates this vineyard and he is pretty much responsible for pioneering and developing this AVA. To hear him speak of the 1.5 million year old lava flow that created this high elevation AVA is a masterclass in geology, geography with a touch of old soul hippy mysticism. To geek out and hear Phil talk about his AVA follow this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iJmFtB8Gnt4&t=158s>