

# LONE BIRCH

2018  
Syrah



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## Style:

This wine is handcrafted in a balanced, approachable style that showcases the quality of fruit from Washington State.

## Vineyard Source:

All of the Lone Birch Wines are sourced from fruit from our 830 acre estate vineyard located in the Yakima Valley. Our vineyard site offers a long 190 day growing season, which allows for slow, steady fruit maturation. The warm days and the cool nights provided by the high desert environment allow the vines to produce exceptional balance with ripe fruit flavors and plenty of natural acidity.

## Vintage:

To begin 2018 Eastern Washington was in the midst of a brutal winter that lingered on into early March. Our concerns of winter damage to the vines were alleviated towards the end of April when our vineyards came back to life with bud break. Bud break was a bit behind a normal Washington vintage, but not by much. Spring of 2018 was warm, and this led to rapid growth in the vineyards. The spring led into a perfect Eastern Washington summer with warm days and cool nights that we are keen on for a great growing season. Veraison happened around the first of August, and with all the last-minute adjustments to crop size we were very pleased. Wildfires were a great deal of concern for us, but as damaging as these fires were, thankfully our estate vineyard was not impacted by the excessive smoke we experienced in the state. Very similar to the 2017 vintage, we had a much cooler than average September that slowed the ripening process down quite a bit. This allowed the grapes to hang on the vines much longer to achieve optimal ripeness for flavor development and sugar content. This meant a later harvest season for us as we brought in the last of our grapes in early November.

## Tasting Notes:

This Syrah imparts a bouquet of dark berries and toasted oak leading to a smooth finish with soft lingering tannins.

## Enological Data:

Alcohol	14.1%
Total Acidity	5.9 g/L
pH	3.80
Cases Production	809 cases
Bottling Date	9/27/19

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