



2021
'BOUQUET GARNI'
 BENNETT VALLEY SYRAH

This wine is made from an exceptional hillside vineyard located in Bennett Valley, where natural conditions are perfect for growing Syrah in the Goulding cobbly clay loam soil. As a result of the co-fermentation of three field selections, this wine reveals a complex and spicy bouquet. Handcrafted using classical winemaking techniques of Vallée du Rhône, this unique wine is named after the famous culinary bundle to honor our first relative who emigrated from France to the USA, Abel Pierre Aimé Coutanceau, who was a professional chef. It is the 'Garnished Bouquet' or 'Bouquet Garni.'



<i>Proprietary name</i>	'Bouquet Garni'
<i>Name meaning</i>	Garnished bouquet Spicy aromas of the Syrah
<i>Varietal composition</i>	Syrah
<i>Type of wine</i>	Vineyard designated
<i>Appellation</i>	Bennett Valley
<i>Vineyard singularity</i>	Warm hillside located in the cooler valley 500-600 feet elevation Single cluster per shoot 'de rigueur' Three field selections Volcanic mélange soil of clay and fragmented rocks
<i>Typical harvest date</i>	End of October
<i>Picking</i>	Night pick; manual; small lugs; refrigerated truck
<i>Sorting</i>	Cluster-by-cluster & berry-per-berry by hand; Le Trieur™
<i>Fermentation</i>	Through native yeast; Punch downs in stainless steel tanks & French oak puncheons; Gyrobox™
<i>Upbringing</i>	14 months in French oak barrels from selected artisan coopers
<i>Bottling</i>	Unfined, unfiltered
<i>Ideal cellaring</i>	4 to 6 years after harvest date
<i>Arc of aging</i>	20 to 25 years
<i>Serving</i>	59-61°F (15-16°C); Decant one hour prior to serving

TASTING NOTES

"Brooding and dark, the 2021 'Bouquet Garni' pours an inky purple color in the glass. On the nose, it's savory with notes of black plum, sappy herbs, cracked peppercorn, and lavender oils. Full-bodied and plush, with velvety, ripe tannins and a long finish, it's light on its feet and will show its best if given a few years to lean into its more gamey and meaty notes, which will certainly develop with time."

97 points

Audrey Frick

JebDunnuck.com, June 2024

"Deep garnet-purple in color, the 2021 'Bouquet Garni' flies out with an intense perfume of violets, licorice, black cherries, and plum preserves followed by hints of garrigue, cracked black pepper, and bacon fat. The medium to full-bodied palate delivers mouth-coating, rounded tannins with savory-laced black fruits and bags of freshness, finishing long and savory."

97 points

Lisa Perrotti-Brown MW

The Wine Independent, Feb. 2024

