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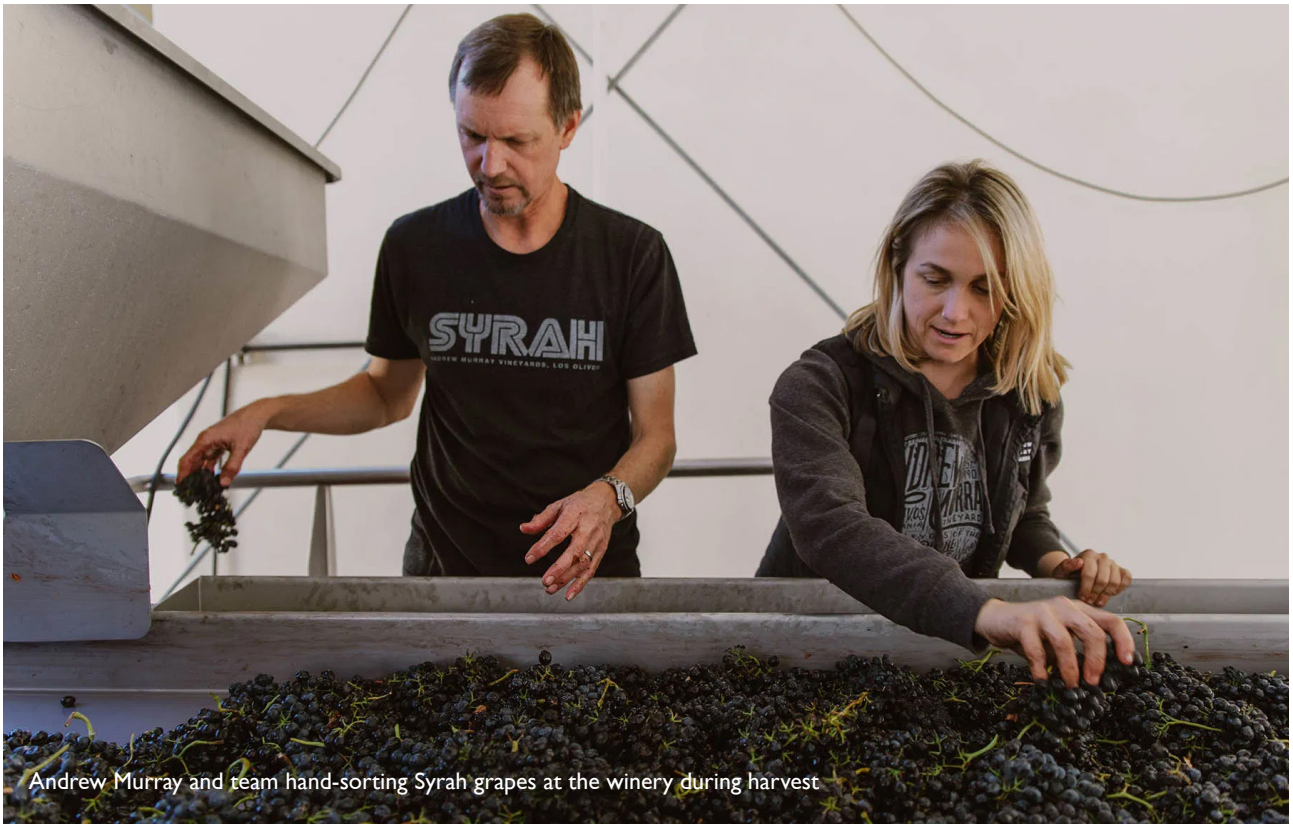

Andrew Murray and team hand-sorting Syrah grapes at the winery during harvest

Taste the Grape: Syrah

Mixed Six

INTRODUCTION

There are many factors that contribute to the flavour of a wine, including the winemaking process, but the single most important is the grape variety. Our Taste the Grape Mixed Six offers the opportunity to sample six different styles from across the world, all made from the same grape variety, providing insight into its unique character and versatility.

SYRAH AROUND THE WORLD

Possibly the most successful variety worldwide, Syrah/Shiraz produces world-class wines in many corners of the globe. Recent DNA mapping shows it almost certainly originates in France, rather than Shiraz in ancient Persia or Syracuse in Sicily, both popular misconceptions. Usually dark, muscular stuff with a streak of black pepper character and a damson-fruited core, it's a grape that lasts well too, taking on complexity with age. NB Petite Sirah is a different grape.

TYPICAL FLAVOURS:
Black pepper • Blackberry • Black cherry • Liquorice

FOOD PAIRING:
Chargrilled lamb • Melanzane parmigiana • Aged hard cheese

WHAT IS SHIRAZ?: This is a name used in warm climate regions such as Australia and South Africa but is exactly the same variety. When seen on the label it often indicates that the wine will be full-bodied with rich, jammy fruit character. A thick-skinned grape that needs a moderate-to-warm climate to fully ripen.

MODERATE CLIMATES: Northern Rhône Valley, New Zealand, Santa Ynez - Medium Body, Medium Tannins, Medium Acidity

WARM CLIMATES: Southern Rhône Valley, Australia, South Africa - Full-Bodied, High Tannins, High Acidity

THE WINES

1. Crozes-Hermitage Rouge, Pierre Gaillard, Northern Rhône Valley — Bin No: RR157

A very pretty nose with plenty of violet notes, more intense on the palate with ripe raspberry and plum fruit. A lovely juicy freshness on the finish provides balance, alongside already well-integrated ripe tannins, which results in a long, satisfying finish.

2. Andrew Murray Vineyards Tous les Jours Syrah, Santa Ynez Valley, California — Bin No: UR117

A wonderful Syrah from California, inspired by the wines of the Northern Rhône valley. Full-flavoured, packed with blackberry and cherry fruit with hints of black olive and notes of pepper.

3. Syrah Or Piste, Vin de France, Aurélien Chirat, Northern Rhône Valley — Bin No: RR177

From the St Joseph hillsides, the Vin de France labelling belies the quality of this cuvée. Full of black cherries and plums with notes of spice and leather. It is tightly structured yet balanced, with an appealing fruitiness and silky tannins.

4. Samartzis 'S', Single Origin Syrah, Central Greece — Bin No: ER036

This has aromas of blackberries with hints of cinnamon and white pepper leading to a soft fruity palate with ripe wild strawberry flavours. Long, fresh finish.

5. Journey's End V5 Shiraz, Stellenbosch, South Africa — Bin No: KR038

A big, soft-hearted, enjoyable wine, plenty of ripe Shiraz fruit with loads of character on the palate and a full-flavoured finish.

6. House of Certain Views Shiraz, Hunter Valley, Margan Wines, Australia — Bin No: AR030

We can't be certain what views Andrew Margan gets from his house; hopefully they're as stunning as this wine. Blackberry fruit meets smoky bacon and wait for those soft, silky tannins to kick in. Pure velvet and a great view!

SYMBOLS: V vegetarian Vg vegan organic biodynamic

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