

# OWENROE

**2008  
Syrah  
Red Willow Vineyard  
Chapel Block**



4200 BOTTLES

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## TASTING NOTES

Red Willow Vineyard has emerged as one of the premier sites for Syrah in the Pacific NW, and our new 2008 Red Willow Chapel Block Syrah is absolutely an expression of this very special place. Most of the soil in Yakima Valley was formed 12,000 years ago by the Lake Missoula floods, which occurred at the end of the ice age. Due to Red Willow's higher elevation, 1200-1300 ft, the peninsula vineyard was above the water and thus not affected by the deposited silt and sand that much of the valley floor received. As a result, Red Willow soils are poorer and more ancient than those of lower elevations. This forces vines planted here to produce especially low yields of densely concentrated fruit with a very unique flavor profile; some of the best Syrah we've ever seen. This wine is bold and complex with inky, rhubarb, dark strawberry and blueberry fruit, cedar smoke and a hint of vanilla and licorice on the finish.

## VINEYARDS

Red Willow Vineyard, Yakima WA

## AGEING PROFILE

14 months French oak barrel aging 26% new wood

## PRODUCTION

359 cases

