



## 2022 GARGANTUA SYRAH OREGON AVA

### WINERY

Bergström Wines, a first-generation American family business, is one of the most unique and lauded domaines in the Willamette Valley. Dr. John Bergström's Swedish heritage and the love he developed for the Pacific Northwest are the roots of this estate. In 1999, John and his son, Josh, established Bergström Wines and today, Josh and Caroline, his wife and business partner, are celebrating more than 25 years as biodynamic growers of estate Pinot Noir and Chardonnay vineyards on the finest appellations within Oregon's Willamette Valley.

### WINE

The Gargantua Syrah celebrates Syrah's rich heritage and the diversity of expression possible on the West Coast of the United States. Led by Josh Bergström's unwavering belief that American West Coast Syrah is unique, delicious, and belongs in the same conversation as the wines from France's Northern Rhone Valley and other hallowed terroirs. To honor the purity of the Syrah fruit sourced from the best sites, we employ whole-cluster fermentation and neutral oak aging, allowing their unique character to shine through with finesse and complexity.

### VINEYARDS

Appellation sources: Rogue Valley, Columbia River Gorge, and Applegate Valley AVAs.

### VINTAGE NOTES

After spring frost challenges that resulted in significant yield reduction, the 2022 vintage release is a testament to the resilience of the Willamette Valley. A serendipitous course to a triumphant harvest yielded a limited yet precious vintage of intensely colored, aromatic, youthfully enticing Pinot Noirs with structured acidity and minerality, heightened concentration, and coiled complexity that, with time, will unfurl to reveal veiled layers of depth.

### WINEMAKING

Whole-cluster fermentation in small, open-top vessels. Native fermentation where possible. Aged on natural lees in 100% neutral small and large French oak barrels. 100% malolactic and alcoholic fermentation (no residual sugars or malic acids). Unfined.

### TASTING NOTES

Our 10th anniversary bottling of gargantua is a gorgeous wine. In color, it is a dark black cherry and inky violet purple. Violets, red roses, black pepper, black olives, savory herbs, and sanguine ferrous notes are all found in this complex aromatic perfume. This wine has lovely fruity notes of blueberry and blackberry and ripe dark cherry on the palate. Chocolate/cocoa nib, tobacco, meaty mushroom. Silky and suave, this is a youthful and very seamless wine that is lovely right now. This elegant, effusively aromatic Syrah has great fruit sweetness with excellent balance.



### VINEYARD

Region:	Oregon
Appellation:	Oregon AVA
Soil:	Various soil types
Age/Exposure:	Up to 19 year-old vines; Various exposures
Clones:	Balanced and varied field clonal selection
Eco-Practices:	Biodynamic since inception

### WINEMAKING

Varietals:	100% Syrah
Aging:	11 months in 228L, 500L, and 600L neutral French Oak Barrels (0% New). Racked to stainless steel 3 weeks prior to bottling.

### TECHNICAL DETAILS

Yeast:	Native, when possible
Alcohol:	12.6%
Total Acidity:	5.4 g/L
pH:	3.78