

Betz Family Besoleil

Betz Family Winery

United States - Washington - Columbia Valley

Besoleil is our Spanish/French whimsy for "kissed by the sun". It alludes to the warm, sunny days in the south of France that impart an intensity of character to the Grenache grape and its southern Rhône relatives. Imagine the windswept vineyards of Châteauneuf-du-Pape, the inspiration for this wine, where Grenache thrives alongside a dozen or more other grape varieties.

The story of Besoleil begins with our long-held belief that a precise marriage of soil and site can produce a profound expression of Grenache in Washington. We put that belief to the test with Besoleil's first vintage in 2003. While the Grenache in the earliest vintages of Besoleil was sourced from various vineyards throughout the Columbia Valley, two sites in particular (Olsen Vineyards in the Yakima Valley and Upland Vineyards on Snipes Mountain) have excelled as uniquely distinctive for Grenache. These two sites are the sources for the entirety of the Grenache in Besoleil today.

Grenache is the star of Besoleil, but it's not the whole story. Additional southern Rhone varieties have found their way into the blend and today the wine includes Counoise, Cinsault, Syrah and Mourvedre. Our cellar treatment has also evolved in several ways in order to promote additional nuance from these southern Rhone gems. Larger, neutral oak cooperage of 300 and 500 liters provides less surface-to-volume ratio, resulting in slower evolution and less oak influence in the final wine. Aging up to two-thirds of the blend in concrete vessels helps maintain a bright, fresh fruit character.



Specifications

Appellation	Columbia Valley
Varietals	46% Grenache, 24% Counoise, 24% Mourvèdre, and 6% Syrah
Vinification	12 months in 100% used French oak, all large-format barrels

Codes, Weights and Measures

UPC	7 84585 01585 6
Units/Case	12
Unit Size	750 mL
Container	bottle
SCC	1 07 84585 01585 3
Case Weight	39
Cases/Pallet	66
Layers/Pallet	11
SRP	\$ 57.50 USD 750mL Bottle

Reviews and News

2018 Betz Family Besoleil - 94 PTS - WE
2018 Betz Family Besoleil - 93 PTS - WA
2018 Betz Family Besoleil - 93 PTS - JS
2018 Betz Family Besoleil - 91 PTS - JD
2016 Betz Family Besoleil - 94 PTS - WA
2016 Betz Family Besoleil - 93 PTS - JS
2016 Betz Family Besoleil - 92 PTS - JD
2016 Betz Family Besoleil - 90 PTS - WS
2015 Betz Family Besoleil - 91-93 PTS - WA
2014 Betz Family Besoleil - 91 PTS - WA