



RYAN PATRICK

vineyards

ancient lakes of columbia valley



In 1951 Sid Flanagan began farming native lands near the town of Quincy as part of the Columbia Basin Irrigation Project, a winegrowing pioneer in what is now Washington's newest AVA: Ancient Lakes of Columbia Valley. The Ancient Lakes AVA runs along a stretch of steep cliffs above the Columbia River and surrounds Quincy where a relatively cooler climate, a characteristically thin soil layer, and high vineyard elevations (1200-1400') deftly impose a unique character on the region's products. In 1996, Sid's son and daughter-in-law Terry and Vivian Flanagan founded Ryan Patrick Vineyards, naming the winery after their two sons. The family also sources outstanding fruit from other Columbia growers to win access to the most suitable combinations of grape variety and terroir.

Growing up in Prosser at the heart of Washington wine country, Jeremy Santo joined Ryan Patrick Vineyards as Head Winemaker in 2012. His microbiologist mother and nematologist (roundworms) father both worked at Washington State University's Irrigated Agriculture Research & Extension Center. Raised by scientists with deep knowledge of Washington State terroirs and enthusiastic appreciations for wine, Jeremy developed his passions along the same lines, graduating from WSU with a BS in Biology. Laboratory work at Snoqualmie Vineyards led to an enologist position and then Asst Winemaker at Canoe Ridge, and finally Ryan Patrick Vineyards.



Naked Chardonnay *Columbia Valley & Snipes Mountain*

Winemaker Jeremy Santo on the 2014 Naked Chardonnay: "Zesty ripe pear and apple scents with hints of apricot and pineapple; refreshing yet savory entry with a fresh-fruit driven mid-palate and an elegant, pleasing finish. We're creating an approachable, savory, yet refreshing style of Chardonnay sourcing fruit from warmer sites in the Columbia Valley to lend a rich, ripe profile to the wine. Malolactic fermentation, along with sur lie aging, allows for savory characters to develop, while tank fermentation maintains fresh acidity."

Redhead Red *Wahluke Slope*

2014: 70% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Merlot, 4% Malbec, and 1% Syrah

Winemaker Jeremy Santo on the 2014 Redhead Red: "Hints of black cherry and ripe raspberry with dark chocolate, savory herb and red currant on the nose; this wine has a beautiful palate, balanced depth with dark fruit; the stuff of harmony. The Wahluke Slope is one of the warmest, driest growing regions in Washington State. As a result, red wine grapes from this area are ripe, rich and concentrated. This wine is a balance of backbone and depth, intrinsic to the Wahluke Slope."

Rock Island Red *Wahluke Slope & Columbia Valley*

2013: 44% Merlot, 44% Syrah, 6% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 6% Petit Verdot

Winemaker Jeremy Santo on the 2013 Rock Island Red: "Blueberry preserves on the nose with a touch of lavender and dried herbs, and subtle anise and cocoa notes; a generous palate leads to a jammy mid-palate and a pleasurable silky finish. Stylistically, we're looking for dark, rich and ripe flavors for this blend. One of the warmest sites in Washington State, the Wahluke Slope provides the bold and concentrated characteristics necessary for achieving the style of our Rock Island Red blend." – Jeremy Santo

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