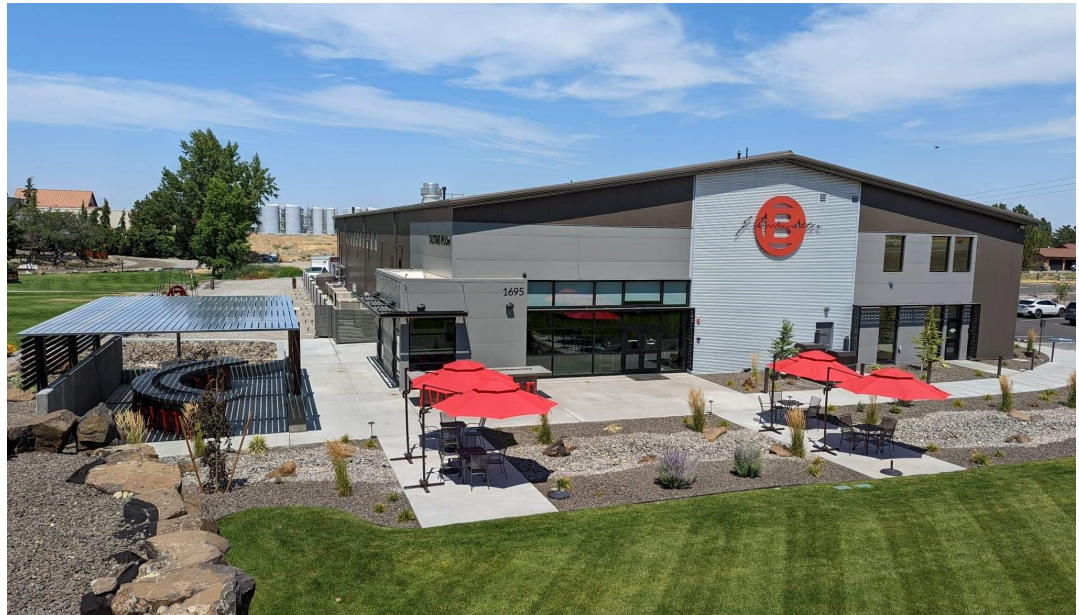




BOOKWALTER WINERY READERS SYRAH 2021/\$27.99



DESCRIPTION

The story of J. Bookwalter Winery is a story of family heritage, deep roots and a centuries-old commitment to the land. Ten generations of the Bookwalter family have been involved in American agriculture. But it was Jerry Bookwalter, generation nine and father of current company president John Bookwalter, who led the family into viticulture. After graduating from UC-Davis in 1963, Jerry spent 13 years farming in California's San Joaquin Valley before moving his family in 1976 to the Tri-Cities in Washington State.

Once there, he firmly stamped the Bookwalter name on the state's nascent wine industry. From 1976 through 1982, Jerry helped manage the plantings of three iconic vineyards – Sagemoor, Bacchus and Dionysus.

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Readers is a blend of 80% Syrah and 20% Malbec. The grapes are from a single vineyard, Weinbau Vineyards, in the Wahluke Slope AVA. The blend is aged for 8 months in 100% neutral French Oak barrels. Drink from 2022-2030.

Tasting Notes

Nose:

The 2021 Readers Syrah is very expressive aromatically with beautiful color shining through the glass. Rich royal purple hues gleaming through this wine really set the tone. The Readers Syrah is packed with aromas and flavors of black and purple fruits with hints of white pepper.

Palate:

The aromatics and flavors are ripe plum, dark chocolate-covered cherries, boysenberry, and wild forest fruits. . There are also savory components that have come together harmoniously with the fruit aspects of this wine with forest floor and black pepper notes coming through. Unsweetened cocoa, chocolate truffle, and espresso expressions dance through the drinking experience. This wine is soft, juicy, and creamy in texture from the first sip to the last. This wine finishes savory with silky tannins leaving the palate satisfied. It is a juicy fruit-forward Syrah.

Pairing:

Readers Syrah pairs nicely with duck, spare ribs, braised beef, barbecued or braised chicken, and aged hard cheeses like Gouda.

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Wahluke Slope A.V.A., Washington State

