

WESTERHOLD | WITH RUSSELL BEVAN

92 2007 Westerhold Syrah

Bennett Valley, 14.5% alcohol, \$42., 245 cs.

100% Alban 1 clone, it shows precise blue fruits and black pepper in the nose. The palate is dialed in with supple currant, along with carbon and tar. Drink 2012 – 2017. www.westerholdwines.com

94 2008 Westerhold Syrah

Bennett Valley, 16.5% alcohol, \$42.105 cs.

100% Alban 1 clone, it shows a nose of black currants, slate, brown baking spices and black pepper. The palate is beautifully balanced, supple and concentrated with lots of blackberry, tar and mineral.

97 2008 Westerhold Syrah (Fall 2012 release?)

Estate, Bennett Valley, 16.5% alcohol, \$TBD, 50 cs.

Aged 39 months, it has an extracted nose of coffee, blackberry, salt and whiffs of vanilla. Freakish on the palate; cola, fig, prune plum, with exceptional concentration and polish. The finish delivers the purest expression of ripeness and intensity. Drink 2012 – 2020.

