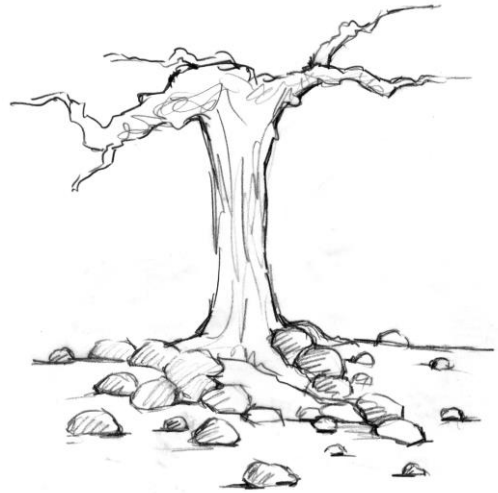


# 2020 Big Table Farm Syrah – Funk Estate Vineyard The Rocks District, Milton-Freewater

146 cases produced  
unfined and unfiltered  
label-a vine in the rocks  
release date: February 28th, 2023

Brian enjoys the trip out to eastern Oregon to pick up the several tons we buy from Rich Funk ( great guy! And he has his own winery called Saviah) It takes 5-6 hours to drive from BTF to Milton Freewater – close enough that our growing seasons track in similar fashion in terms of timing, but far enough away that the coastal influences of the Willamette Valley are nonexistent, so it is warmer and drier and of course rockier! We brought the 2016 version of this wine to dinner with winemaker friends a month ago and Wow! It showed really well. That was our first vintage working with Rich's fruit, so Brian was unsure of what to expect and how well it would stand up to the test of time – so far so good! The 2020 version is again made in the house style, and similar to the pinot with only minor adjustments – the most significant being longer elevage (22 months in barrel verses the 10 months for pinot). Since it is a more substantial wine the longer time in barrel softens the tannins and makes the wine more approachable as a youngster. And please do! I often open a bottle and will enjoy for several evening- as the wine ages this window will diminish, but then that is true for all wines Like the country song says “ I'm not as good as I once was but I'm as good once as I ever was!”



## Tasting notes –

Wild, brooding and bold. Ripe bramble clusters warmed over ancient riverside cobblestones lovingly greet you from your glass. Fig jam and toasted rye bread balance a beautiful, almost unexpected acidity while a guise of flavors swoon the senses. Subtle hints of black olive, peppered-bacon and cacao nib compliment the presence of herbaceous undertones. As the dynamic mid-palate slowly drifts away, the focused-tannins and lifted floral notes dawdle.

93 pts—Paul Gregutt  
93 pts – Owen Bargreen  
96 pts – Wine Enthusiast *Editor's Choice*  
94 pts – International Wine Report  
94 pts – Decanter  
95 pts – Wine & Spirits  
8.5-9 pts – Vinography

Big Table Farm is the collaborative effort of Brian Marcy and Clare Carver

– we are a winemaker and an artist, we grow and produce what we love to eat and drink –

## Our Farm

We own and manage 70 acres in the northern Willamette Valley, where we raise animals and produce seasonable vegetables. If you visit us, you'll find free-range hens, pasture-raised pigs and grass-fed cows. We are building a managed intensive grazing system of farming that builds our soil, sequesters carbon, and moves us towards a healthy, sustainable and diverse farm.



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