



# HELIOTERRA

## 2015 Willamette Valley Dion Vineyard Syrah



**Variety:** Syrah/Viognier  
**Vineyard:** Dion Vineyard  
**AVA:** Chehalem Mountains  
**Harvest Date:** October 5, 2015  
**ABV:** 13.5%  
**Production:** 45 cases  
**pH:** 3.64

### Winemaker Notes

Rhone grapes are no stranger to the Willamette Valley. However, in 2013, Winemaker Anne Hubatch discovered a unique opportunity to produce this cool climate Syrah for the first time ever. The resulting Syrah bursts with aromas of white peppercorn and clove. It then opens into ash and marjoram, which complement both the delicate floral notes (thanks to 3% Viognier co-fermentation) and the heartier ones (brown butter and caramelized leeks). Thanks to the firm, ripe tannins, the palate stays spicy (peppercorn, clove) and offers serious umami (au jus). This is your rare chance to taste a cool climate Willamette Valley Syrah, and what Anne feels is amongst the most amazing and unique wines she has ever made.

### Viticultural Area

Dion Vineyard was started in 1973 with Ron and Joanne Johnson. With the help of their family, they planted their first Pinot Noir vines and launched into their own Oregon wine adventure. With a small percentage of the vineyard devoted to cool climate Syrah, the Johnson family has expanded to 60 acres in total and transitioned to the second generation, with son Kevin Johnson and wife Beth Klingner at the helm.

All of Helioterra wines are made naturally, meaning we do not use inoculated yeasts or bacteria. We use only native yeast to spark fermentation and we do not add any powdered tannins or enzymes.

### Helioterra Wines

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