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**Cayuse Vineyards Becomes the First Biodynamic Winery in Walla Walla**

WALLA WALLA—Cayuse Vineyards is the first winery in the Walla Walla Valley to fully implement biodynamic farming methods in its vineyards.

Biodynamism is chemical-free farming that produces both healthier soil and food. It is the only kind of agriculture to take both the soil and the cosmos into account in helping the vines grow in perfect harmony with the forces of the universe.

“If you understand that the moon moves oceans, you can also understand that the moon exerts an influence on vines,” said Christophe Baron, vigneron and owner of Cayuse Vineyards.

“We want to produce the best wines possible,” said Baron. “Healthy vines make healthy wines. Our vines have always been grown organically, so biodynamism was the next logical step to take.”

Since 2002, Cayuse has consulted with Philippe Armenier, a biodynamic farming specialist and previous owner of Domaine de Marcoux, a world-renowned winery in Chateauneuf-du-Pape, France. Using Armenier’s expert advice, Cayuse crushed it’s first biodynamic certified fruit in the 2004 vintage.

“I noticed many of the best French producers have been switching from conventional growing methods to biodynamism over the last decade. After tasting their wines, I talked to them to find out more and became convinced that it was a necessary step for Cayuse to take,” said Baron.

Using biodynamism, producers such as Chapoutier in the Rhône, Marcel Deiss in Alsace, Coulée de Serrant in the Loire, Jacques Selosse in Champagne, Domaine Leroy in Burgundy, Domaine LeFlaive in Burgundy, and Domaine de Marcoux in Chateauneuf-du-Pape make some of the finest, most sought-after wines in France.

Cayuse Vineyards is a 100 percent estate vineyard located in the Walla Walla. Best known for its highly acclaimed Syrah, Cayuse currently creates 12 estate wines from fruit harvested on 51 acres of vines planted in ancient riverbed rock. In fact, the word “Cayuse” refers to the Native American tribe named by French-Canadian traders from the French “cailloux,” which means “stones.” A native of France, Baron developed a passion for farming growing up in his family’s centuries-old Champagne House, Baron Albert.

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