

DESERT WIND

2009 La Puerta

Cases produced:	139
Vineyard:	Sacagawea Vineyard, Desert Wind Vineyard
Appellation:	Wahluke Slope, WA
Harvested:	October 2009
Fermentation:	Closed top fermentation with circulation; 12 days of skin contact
Blend:	88% Syrah, 5% Barbera, 3% Tempranillo, 4% other reds
Final #s:	Alcohol 20 % • TA 0.48g/100ml pH 4.06 • RS 8 g /100ml
Release Date:	November 2014

Winemaker's Notes

Our homage to the legendary wines of Portugal, La Puerta marries the soft, sweet flavors of dried fig and honey with a lingering, nutty finish. La Puerta was aged in oaked barrels for four years, lending its characteristic "tawny" appearance. Enjoy now with dark chocolate and toasted nuts, or cellar for many years to come.

Vineyard Notes

The Sacagawea Vineyard is located in Eastern Washington's Columbia Valley. This site is considered Zone 3, the hottest in the region. The 60- acre vineyard is a southern facing block with shallow and rocky soil. Desert Wind Vineyard, a 480-acre site, is a southern facing block with a two percent slope and shallow, rocky soil. The vines are irrigated with an underground drip system; double catch wires are used to increase air circulation during the growing season. Leaf pulling and cluster thinning are important steps in aiding the ripening of the grapes.

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