

DESERT WIND

2015 Cabernet Franc

Cases produced:	123
Vineyard:	Desert Wind Vineyard ('96 Block).
Appellation:	Wahluke Slope, WA
Blend:	88% Cabernet Franc, 6% Petite Verdot, 3% Merlot, 2% Barbera, 1% Syrah
Harvested:	November 2015
Fermentation:	Stainless steel tank fermentation; circulation two times a day; 3 weeks of skin contact
Final #s:	Alcohol 14.7 % • TA 0.63 g/100ml • pH 3.60
Release Date:	July 2017

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

The 2015 growing season was noted for being one of the warmest in Washington State. Warm consistent temperatures allowed for optimal ripening and character development across all varieties. While traditionally used as a blender in Bordeaux wines, this standalone wine showcases the varietal characteristics of Cabernet Franc. Notes of raspberry, plum and leather integrate with oak to provide a complexing aroma that carries through to the palate. Robust tannins and medium-high acidity make this a suitable wine for aging 5-10 years.

VINEYARD NOTES

The Wahluke Slope is located in Eastern Washington's Columbia Valley. The site is considered Zone 3, the hottest in the region. Our 480-acre vineyard 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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