

DESERT WIND

2014 Cabernet Franc

Cases produced:	109
Vineyard:	Desert Wind Vineyard
Appellation:	Wahluke Slope, WA
Harvested:	October 16, 2014
Fermentation:	Closed top fermentation with circulations two-three times per day; eight days of skin contact
Blend:	93% Cabernet Franc, 7% Carmenere
Final #s:	Alcohol 14.5 % • TA 5.6 g/L pH 3.85
Release Date:	February 15, 2016
UPC:	768154231786

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Cabernet Franc, a traditional Bordeaux varietal, is often seen as a lighter, blending relative of Cabernet Sauvignon. However, The Desert Wind Cabernet Franc was fermented in stainless steel tanks; with daily mixing to ensure a rich palate and robust color making a great stand-alone varietal expression. The resulting wine displays a soft currant red color and aromas of mixed berry fruit leather and cream. The robust palate is complemented by classic herbal notes of pepper and sweet cedar leading to a restrained tannin and dark fruit finish. Recommended drinking period: 2016-2025.

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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