

# DESERT WIND

## 2014 Heritage Series Cabernet Sauvignon Wahluke Slope, WA

<b>Cases produced:</b>	164
<b>Vineyard:</b>	Desert Wind Vineyard
<b>Appellation:</b>	Wahluke Slope, WA
<b>Harvested:</b>	October 2014
<b>Fermentation:</b>	Open top oak barrels with punch downs; ten days of skin contact
<b>Blend:</b>	91% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Merlot, 5% Petit Verdot, .7% Barbera, .3% Mourvedre
<b>Final #s:</b>	Alcohol 14.4 % • TA 6.4 g/L pH 3.57
<b>Release Date:</b>	February 15, 2016

### WINEMAKER'S NOTES

The 2014 Heritage Cabernet Sauvignon is a small lot, artisanal wine. The grapes were fermented in 60 gallon oak barrels with the heads removed. After fermentation, the heads were re-installed, and the wine remained in contact with the skins for a process known as extended maceration, which softens the tannins and adds complexity to the mouthfeel. The 2014 Heritage Series Cabernet Sauvignon displays a rich garnet color with aromas of candied red fruits and violets. On the palate, prominent tannins are balanced with dark chocolate, leather and spices leading to a dried currant finish. Enjoy now or cellar for up to a decade.

### 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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