

DESERT WIND

2014 Mourvèdre

Cases produced:	166
Vineyard:	Desert Wind Vineyard
Appellation:	Wahluke Slope, WA
Harvested:	October 15 th 2014
Fermentation:	Open top fermentation with punch downs two times per day
Blend:	Mourvèdre 95%, other reds 5%
Final #s:	Alcohol 14.8% • TA 0.64 g/100ml pH 3.77 • RS .05 g /100ml
Release Date:	January 2016
UPC:	768154231953

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

The Mourvèdre grape has Spanish origins, though it gained notoriety in the south of France, where it has been cultivated for centuries. This dark red, tannic grape ripens ideally in hot weather, making it a natural fit for the growing conditions found in eastern Washington's Wahluke Slope viticultural area. The 2014 Desert Wind Mourvèdre displays aromas of rhubarb and white pepper, with flavors of dark fruit, supported by firm tannins and acids. We recommend decanting before serving. Best enjoyed from 2017-2024.

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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