

DESERT WIND

2015 Mourvèdre

Cases produced:	178
Vineyard:	Desert Wind Vineyard
Blend:	99% Mourvèdre, 1% Merlot
Appellation:	Wahluke Slope, WA
Harvested:	October 2015
Fermentation:	Closed top fermentation with circulations two-three times per day; twelve-fourteen days of skin contact.
Final #s:	Alcohol 13.7 % • TA 0.60 g/100ml • pH 3.57
Release Date:	February 2017
UPC:	768154231953

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

The 2015 growing season was excellent on the Wahluke Slope - warm from start to finish which allowed our Mourvèdre (a typically late ripening variety) to achieve full ripeness and character. The nose opens with rose petals and crushed spices, and finishes with notes of cranberry and bright cherry. The first sip reveals why Mourvèdre is amazing when fully ripe; it is deep and complex. This light and lively wine dances across the tongue with just enough acidity to finish clean. A kiss of oak marries well, and serves to cement this as the serious red it is. Drink over the next 3 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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