

# DESERT WIND

## 2014 Ora

Wahluke Slope, WA

<b>Cases Produced:</b>	220
<b>Vineyards:</b>	Desert Wind Vineyard
<b>Appellation:</b>	Wahluke Slope, WA
<b>Harvested:</b>	September 22 - October 30, 2015
<b>Fermentation:</b>	Open top fermentation in bins with punch-downs two-three times per day; eight days of skin contact
<b>Blend:</b>	49% Sangiovese, 25% Malbec, 24% Petit Verdot, 1% Merlot
<b>Final #s:</b>	Alcohol 13.9 % • TA 6.1 g/L • pH 3.68
<b>UPC:</b>	768154231939

## WINEMAKER'S NOTES

The 2014 Desert Wind Ora is our take on an Italian-styled Super Tuscan blend. Sangiovese takes the center stage, lending aromatics of cherry and cola, while the Malbec and Petit Verdot flesh out the mid-palate, and cling to the Sangiovese for a lingering finish. Flavors of black currant, black pepper, cherry cola and chocolate permeate throughout the wine – showcasing the elegance and dynamism of this full-bodied blend. This wine will age gracefully for the next ten years. Earlier enjoyment will benefit from decanting before serving.

## 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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