

DESERT WIND

2014 Syrah

Cases produced:	290
Vineyard:	Desert Wind Vineyard
Appellation:	Wahluke Slope, WA
Harvested:	September 18-22, 2014
Fermentation:	Closed top fermentation with circulations, two-three times per day; eight days of skin contact
Final #s:	Alcohol 15.6 % • TA 6.0 g/L pH 3.66
Release Date:	February 15, 2016
UPC:	768154231854

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

There is one block in the Desert Wind Vineyard, planted in 1999, that consistently yields ripe, concentrated fruit and the 2014 Desert Wind Syrah is crafted using fruit from this block. The wine was aged for 13 months in neutral oak barrels to allow the incredible aromatic nose of this wine to shine without imparting toasty oak flavor. On the nose, aromas of lavender, vanilla, and baking spices complement flavors of dark fruits, candied violets and roasted hazelnuts. The finish is long and supple, with velvety tannins and a hint of vanilla. Enjoy now or cellar for up to ten 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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