

# DESERT WIND

## 2013 Dry Rosé

**Cases produced:** 119  
**Vineyard:** Desert Wind Vineyard  
**Appellation:** Wahluke Slope, WA  
**Harvested:** September-October 2012  
**Fermentation:** Stainless steel tank fermented at 60°F;  
full malolactic fermentation.  
**Blend:** 95% Merlot, 5% other red varieties  
**Final #s:** Alcohol 14.5 % • TA 0.51 g/100ml  
pH 3.46 • RS .36 g /100ml  
**Release Date:** June 2014  
**UPC:** 768154231786

### WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Our 2013 Dry Rosé was crafted almost entirely from Merlot, a fruit-driven, medium-bodied wine well suited to the task. It opens with an aroma of wet stone and minerals, surrounded by subtle notes of strawberry and currant. Its dry mineral finish and lean acidity make this Rosé a terrific partner with food. This Rosé underwent malolactic fermentation to soften the acids, making the an easy wine to quaff without the accompaniment of food. Serve well chilled, and enjoy it within 6-12 months of purchase.

### 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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