

# DESERT WIND

## 2014 Barbera

<b>Cases produced:</b>	291
<b>Vineyard:</b>	Sacagawea Vineyard
<b>Appellation:</b>	Wahluke Slope, WA
<b>Harvested:</b>	October 30, 2014
<b>Fermentation:</b>	Closed top fermentation with circulations two-three times per day; eight-ten days of skin contact.
<b>Blend:</b>	96% Barbera, 3% Merlot, .5% Cabernet Sauvignon, .5% Sangiovese
<b>Final #s:</b>	Alcohol 13.3 % • TA 6.6 g/L pH 3.51
<b>Release Date:</b>	February 16, 2016
<b>UPC:</b>	768154231847

### WINEMAKER'S NOTES

The Barbera grape, hailing from the Piedmont region of Italy, thrives in eastern Washington's hot, arid climate. Our 2014 Barbera is dark red in color with flavors of cherry, blackberry, and a touch of nutmeg. This wine was aged in neutral oak barrels so as to not mask its natural aromatics. Barbera inherently displays high acidity, making this wine a perfect pairing with pasta and other tomato-based dishes. Enjoy now or cellar for up to five years for a softer finish.

### 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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