

DESERT WIND

2015 Cabernet Sauvignon-Syrah

Cases produced:	142
Vineyard:	Desert Wind Vineyard
Appellation:	Wahluke Slope, WA
Blend:	67% Syrah, 30% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Merlot, 1% Barbera
Harvested:	September-October 2015
Fermentation:	Closed top fermentation, circulated twice daily; 14 days of skin contact
Final #s:	Alcohol 13.9 % • TA 0.60 g/100ml • pH 3.75
Release Date:	July 2017

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

The 2015 growing season was noted for being one of the warmest in Washington State. Warm consistent temperatures allowed for optimal ripening and character development across all varieties. This unique blend marries two distinctly bold varieties to produce a complex, yet approachable wine with aging potential. The resulting blend is supple, with aromas and flavors of blackberry, black cherry, tobacco, and sweet spice.

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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