



## 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon

Wahluke Slope, WA

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| <b>Cases produced:</b> | 3,555                                                                                        |
| <b>Vineyard:</b>       | Desert Wind Vineyard                                                                         |
| <b>Appellation:</b>    | Wahluke, WA                                                                                  |
| <b>Harvested:</b>      | October 2012                                                                                 |
| <b>Fermentation:</b>   | Closed top fermentation with circulation two-three times per day; eight days of skin contact |
| <b>Blend:</b>          | 86% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Merlot                                                           |
| <b>Final #s:</b>       | Alcohol 14.5 % • TA 0.67 g/100ml<br>pH 3.50 • RS .05 g /100ml                                |
| <b>Release Date:</b>   | August 2014                                                                                  |
| <b>UPC:</b>            | 768154231588                                                                                 |

### Winemaker's Notes

The 2012 Desert Wind Cabernet Sauvignon was harvested at 25.5° Brix, which is one of several indicators of peak ripeness. The grapes were de-stemmed and fermented in closed top tanks. After fermentation, the free run and press wine were combined and aged for 13 months in American oak barrels. At bottling, Merlot was added to enhance fruit-driven aromatics. The 2012 Desert Wind Cabernet Sauvignon is medium bodied with aromas of blackberry, cassis, and nutmeg. Enjoy now or cellar for 5-7 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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