

DESERT WIND

2013 Cabernet Sauvignon

Cases produced:	2703
Vineyard:	Desert Wind Vineyard
Appellation:	Wahluke Slope, WA
Harvested:	October 2013
Fermentation:	Closed top fermentation with circulations two-three times per day; eight-ten days of skin contact.
Blend:	85% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15 % other reds
Final #s:	Alcohol 14.5 % • TA 0.60 g/100ml pH 3.63 • RS .05 g /100ml
Release Date:	June 2015
UPC:	768154231588

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

The 2013 growing season was perfectly balanced with warm days and cool nights. This allowed our Cabernet Sauvignon grapes to achieve ideal ripeness without excessive sugars and with retention of natural acidity. After fermentation, the wine was aged for thirteen months in new and neutral oak barrels. The 2013 Desert Wind Cabernet Sauvignon displays aromas and flavors of blackberry, currants, and nutmeg that end in a smooth finish. Enjoy now or cellar for five to seven 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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