

DESERT WIND

2014 Cabernet Sauvignon

Cases produced: 2530
Vineyard: Desert Wind Vineyard
Appellation: Wahluke Slope, WA
Harvested: October 2014
Fermentation: Closed top fermentation with circulations two-three times per day; twelve-fourteen days of skin contact.
Final #s: Alcohol 14.3 % • TA 0.59 g/100ml • pH 3.60
Release Date: June 2016
UPC: 768154231588

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

The 2014 growing season was a great one on the Wahluke Slope – warm throughout, with a sunny September. This allowed our Cabernet Sauvignon grapes to achieve ideal ripeness, while still maintaining great natural acidity. After fermentation, the wine was aged for sixteen months, allowing time for the tannins to mature and soften the finish. The 2014 Desert Wind Cabernet Sauvignon is extremely rich, with flavors of blackberry and Bing cherry, with hints of cinnamon and cocoa. Enjoy now or cellar for three to five 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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