

DESERT WIND

2013 Ruah

Wahluke Slope, WA

Cases Produced:	5,000
Vineyards:	Desert Wind Vineyard
Appellation:	Wahluke Slope, WA
Harvested:	October 2013
Fermentation:	Closed-top fermentation with two to three circulations per day; eight-ten days of skin contact
Barrel Regime:	Aged in French and American oak for 13 months
Blend:	34% Merlot, 29% Cabernet Sauvignon, 17% Cabernet Franc, 15% Syrah, 5% Petit Verdot
Final #s:	Alcohol 14.2 % • TA 6.6 g/L pH 3.55 • RS .03%
UPC:	768154231670

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

The 2013 Ruah is Desert Wind's iconic, proprietary red wine blend; 2013 is the first vintage of Ruah to include non-Bordeaux varietals. The wine features aromas of blackberry, cassis, tobacco leaf, and cedar. On the palate, flavors of dark fruits and spice lead to a long, smooth finish. The Ruah pairs well with meats and tomato-based dishes, but is equally enjoyable by itself. This wine will age handsomely through the next decade.

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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