

DESERT WIND

2013 Syrah

Cases produced:	182
Vineyard:	Desert Wind Vineyard
Appellation:	Wahluke Slope, WA
Harvested:	September 2013
Fermentation:	Open top bins with punch downs
Barrel regime:	Barrel aged for 17 months in one year and neutral oak barrels
Final #s:	Alcohol 14.5 % • TA 0.71 g/100ml pH 3.72 • RS .05 g /100ml
Release Date:	June 2015
UPC:	768154231854

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

There is one block in the Desert Wind Vineyard, planted in 1999, that consistently yields ripe, concentrated fruit; the 2013 Desert Wind Syrah is crafted using fruit from this block. One year old and neutral oak barrels were used in the aging process to allow the incredible aromatic nose of this wine shine without imparting toasty oak flavor. On the nose, aromas of blackberry, vanilla, and coffee complement flavors of dark fruits and spice. The finish is long and supple, with velvety tannins. Enjoy now or cellar for up to ten 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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