

# DESERT WIND

## 2015 Barbera

<b>Cases produced:</b>	178
<b>Vineyard:</b>	Sacagawea Vineyard
<b>Appellation:</b>	Wahluke Slope, WA
<b>Harvested:</b>	October 2015
<b>Fermentation:</b>	Closed top fermentation with circulations two-three times per day; twelve-fourteen days of skin contact.
<b>Final #s:</b>	Alcohol 13.1 % • TA 0.64 g/100ml • pH 3.58
<b>Release Date:</b>	February 2017
<b>UPC:</b>	768154231847

### WINEMAKER'S NOTES

The 2015 growing season was excellent on the Wahluke Slope - warm from start to finish which led to plush wines of excellent character – especially this Barbera. The wine is dark red in color, with aromas and flavors of rich black cherry and fantastic spice highlights. This is a flavorful wine with apparent freshness; it builds several layers of richness leading to a smooth and silky finish. Enjoy as a lighter red through the summer and fall. It is ready to drink now, or can be held for a year or two allowing for further development.

### 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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