

DESERT WIND

2008 Sauvignon Blanc Wahluke Slope, WA

Cases produced: 611
Vineyard: Desert Wind Vineyard
Appellation: Wahluke Slope, WA
Harvested: September 19, 2008
Fermentation: 80 percent stainless steel, 20 percent barrel
Blend: 99.1% percent Sauvignon Blanc, 0.9% Semillon
Final #s: Alcohol 15.0 percent • TA 0.57 g/100ml
pH 3.26 • RS 0.15 g /100ml
Release Date: June 2009
UPC: 768154231816

Winemaker's notes

Our second release of Sauvignon Blanc incorporates an additional block of young vines. The grapes were whole-cluster pressed, and the juice was fermented in stainless steel tanks and small, neutral oak barrels. This Sauvignon Blanc displays forward flavors of mango, cantaloupe and star fruit, followed by a touch of lemongrass on the finish.

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 to aid the ripening of the grapes.



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