

DESERT WIND

2010 Merlot Wahluke Slope, WA

Cases produced:	3,248
Vineyard:	Desert Wind Vineyard
Appellation:	Wahluke Slope, WA
Harvested:	September 24-October 10, 2010
Fermentation:	Closed top fermentation with circulation two-three times per day; eight to ten days of skin contact.
Barrel Regime:	Barrel aged 10 months in French and American oak
Blend:	100% Merlot
Final #s:	Alcohol 14.5% • TA 0.66 g/100ml pH 3.48 • RS 0.02 g /100ml
Release Date:	October 2011
UPC:	768154231687

Winemaker's Notes

Intense, late summer fruit flavors are a hallmark of the Desert Wind Merlot. The wine is full-bodied and rich with ripe flavors of plum, marionberry, with a hint of chocolate. Winemaker Mark Chargin uses oak and patience to bind these qualities into a well-integrated and supple wine. Our Merlot pairs well with full-flavored foods including hearty pastas, grilled meats and game.

Vineyard

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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