

# DESERT WIND

## 2004 Ruah Columbia Valley, WA

**Cases produced:** 7,084  
**Vineyard:** Estate grown  
**Appellation:** Columbia Valley, WA  
**Harvested:** Sept 9, 2004 – Oct 10, 2004  
**Fermentation:** skin time of 4 days, closed top fermenters, pump-overs twice daily  
**Barrel Regime:** 10 months in 100% American Oak  
**Ruah Blend:** 44% Merlot, 40% Cabernet Sauvignon, 16% Cabernet Franc  
**Final #'s:** Alcohol 15.3% • TA 0.54 g/100ml  
pH 3.8 • RS 0.01 g/100ml  
**Release Date:** June, 2006  
**UPC:** 768154231670

### Winemaker's Notes

Crafted from fruit grown in the Columbia Valley of Washington, the 2004 Desert Wind Ruah is an affirmation of eastern Washington's viticultural prowess. Our full bodied, Bordeaux-inspired blend is enveloped in a lush core of concentrated blackberry fruit with a hint of anise on the palate.

Aged for 10 months in American oak barrels, the wine has hints of toasted oak and almond spice, as well as a rich garnet color, which is complimented by soft, velvety tannins and a lingering finish.

Enjoy the 2004 Ruah alone or with grilled meats, tomato based entrees, and soft cheeses. Drink now through 2011.

### Vineyard

The Wahluke Slope is located in Eastern Washington. This site is considered a zone 3, the hottest in the Columbia Valley. The family's 480-acre vineyard is a southern facing block with a 2% down hill slope. The soil is very shallow and rocky and 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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