

DESERT WIND

2006 Ruah

Wahluke Slope, Columbia Valley, WA

Cases produced:	8,174 cases
Vineyards:	74 percent Desert Wind Vineyard 26 percent Sacagawea Vineyard
Appellation:	Columbia Valley, WA
Harvested:	September 9 – October 14, 2006
Fermentation:	Closed-top fermentation with two circulations per day; seven days of skin contact
Barrel Regime:	Aged in American and French oak for 14 months
Blend:	45 percent Merlot, 37.5 percent Cabernet Sauvignon, 17.5 percent Cabernet Franc
Final #s:	Alcohol 14 percent • TA .53 g/100ml pH 3.76 • RS .05g /100ml
Release Date:	May 2008
UPC:	768154231670

Winemaker's Notes

The 2006 Desert Wind Ruah is comprised of three classical Bordeaux varieties (Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, and Merlot) that are seamlessly co-mingled to yield a wine with structure and finesse. Our 2006 Ruah is fruit-centric with just enough oak to create a spicy, toasty finish. Enjoy this wine with an array of foods or by itself.

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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