

DESERT WIND

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Wahluke Slope, WA

Cases produced:	3,785
Vineyards:	Desert Wind Vineyard
Appellation:	Wahluke Slope, WA
Harvested:	October 2011
Fermentation:	Closed-top fermentation with two to three circulations per day; eight-ten days of skin contact
Barrel Regime:	Aged in American oak for 18 months
Blend:	45% Merlot, 38% Cabernet Sauvignon, 17% Cabernet Franc
Final #s:	Alcohol 14.5 % • TA .56 g/100ml pH 3.55 • RS .03 g /100ml
UPC:	768154231670

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Desert Wind's signature blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, and Merlot embodies our commitment to the spirit of classical Bordeaux red winemaking. Rich aromas of smoked cedar, ripe blackberries, and currants follow through to the palate. This wine is a perfect partner for roasted meats, hearty pastas, or a prime cut of steak. Drink now or cellar for 5 or more years.

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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