

DESERT WIND

2015 RUAH PROPRIETARY RED BLEND

Cases produced: 5232
Vineyard: Desert Wind Vineyard
Appellation: Wahluke Slope, WA
Harvested: October 2015
Fermentation: Closed top fermentation with circulations two-three times per day; fourteen-eighteen days of skin contact.
Blend: 32% Merlot, 24% Cabernet Sauvignon, 18% Syrah, 14% Cabernet Franc, 8% Malbec, 4% Petit Verdot
Final #s: Alcohol 14.0 % • TA 0.62 g/100ml • pH 3.82
Release Date: May 2017
UPC: 768154231670

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

The 2015 growing season was a great one on the Wahluke Slope – warm throughout, with a sunny September. This allowed each of the components of this silky red blend to fully ripen, while retaining enough acidity for a clean finish. After fermentation, the wine was aged for sixteen months in contact with oak, allowing time for the tannins to mature and soften the finish. The 2015 Ruah is extremely rich and round, with flavors of blackberry, plum and ripe raspberry, with hints of allspice and cocoa. This lively wine coats every taste bud, providing a satisfying experience. Ready to drink now, but will be rewarded with an additional year or two of cellaring.

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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