

# DESERT WIND

## 2012 Syrah

<b>Cases produced:</b>	224
<b>Vineyard:</b>	Desert Wind Vineyard
<b>Appellation:</b>	Wahluke Slope, WA
<b>Harvested:</b>	September 2012
<b>Fermentation:</b>	Closed-top fermentation with two-three circulations per day; seven days of skin contact
<b>Barrel regime:</b>	Barrel aged for 15 months in neutral oak
<b>Final #s:</b>	Alcohol 14.5 % • TA 0.64 g/100ml pH 3.76 • RS .05 g /100ml
<b>Release Date:</b>	March 2014
<b>UPC:</b>	768154231854

### Winemaker's Notes

There is one block in the Desert Wind Vineyard, planted in 1999, that consistently yields ripe, concentrated fruit; the 2012 Desert Wind Syrah is crafted using fruit from this block. Neutral oak barrels were used in the aging process to allow the incredible aromatic nose of this wine shine without imparting toasty oak flavor. On the nose, aromas of blackberry, vanilla, and coffee complement flavors of dark fruits and spice. The finish is long and supple, with velvety tannins. Enjoy now or cellar for up to ten 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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