

DESERT WIND

2009 Cabernet Sauvignon Wahluke Slope, WA

Cases produced:	4,932
Vineyards:	Desert Wind Vineyard, Sacagawea Vineyard
Appellation:	Wahluke Slope, WA
Harvested:	September 2009
Fermentation:	Closed-top fermentation with circulation three times per day and with eight days of skin contact
Barrel Regime:	Aged in 100% American oak for 12 months
Blend:	88% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Merlot, 3% Barbera
Final #s:	Alcohol 14.5 % • TA 0.60 g/100ml pH 3.70 • RS 0.08 g /100ml
Release Date:	January 2011
UPC:	768154231588

Winemaker's Notes

Our Cabernet bursts with aromas of ripe dark cherries, plums, and Northwest cedar; on the palate, flavors of marionberries, vanilla, coffee, with a hint of chocolate prevail. Enjoy with robust foods such as lasagna, beef tenderloin, and eggplant marinara. Drink now or allow the wine to mature in the cellar for eight to 10 years.

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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