

# DESERT WIND

## 2011 Cabernet Sauvignon

Wahluke Slope, WA



<b>Cases produced:</b>	5,000
<b>Vineyards:</b>	Desert Wind Vineyard, Inland Desert Vineyard
<b>Appellation:</b>	Wahluke Slope, WA
<b>Harvested:</b>	October 2011
<b>Fermentation:</b>	Closed-top fermentation with circulation three times per day and with eight-ten days of skin contact
<b>Barrel Regime:</b>	Aged in American oak for 16 months
<b>Blend:</b>	90% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Merlot
<b>Final #s:</b>	Alcohol 13.9 % • TA 0.62 g/100ml pH 3.52 • RS 0.5 g /100ml
<b>Release Date:</b>	April 2013
<b>UPC:</b>	768154231588

### WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Cabernet Sauvignon's signature flavors of cassis, dark cherry, and blackberry are intensified by the vineyard sites' hot, dry days and cool desert nights. Our 2011 displays aromas of cherry, vanilla, chocolate, and toasted almond. Enjoy with robust foods such as lasagna, beef tenderloin, and eggplant marinara. Drink now or allow the wine to mature in the cellar for five-eight 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 Desert Wind 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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