

DESERT WIND

2005 Ruah

Wahluke Slope, Columbia Valley, WA

Cases produced: 7,946 (750ml); 120 (1.5L); 112 (375ml)
Vineyard: Desert Wind Vineyard
Appellation: Wahluke Slope, Columbia Valley, WA
Harvested: September 8 – October 25, 2005
Fermentation: Closed-top fermentation with two circulations per day; seven days of skin contact
Barrel Regime: Aged 11 months in American oak
Blend: 44.5 percent Merlot, 38.5 percent Cabernet Sauvignon, 17 percent Cabernet Franc
Final #s: Alcohol 14 percent • TA 0.6 g/100ml
pH 3.55 • RS 0.04 g/100ml
Release Date: June 2007
UPC: 768154231670

Winemaker's Notes

To create our flagship wine, we borrowed the centuries-old technique of blending multiple grape varieties to achieve one superlative wine. Today, our Ruah is best known for its distinctive depth and powerful fruit characteristics. We believe that a great wine begins in the vineyard, and our vineyards on the Wahluke Slope provide an excellent site for growing the Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Cabernet Franc used in this heritage.

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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