

# DESERT WIND

## 2007 Ruah

Wahluke Slope, WA

<b>Cases produced:</b>	6,875 cases
<b>Vineyards:</b>	Desert Wind Vineyard
<b>Appellation:</b>	Wahluke Slope, WA
<b>Harvested:</b>	September 9 – October 25, 2007
<b>Fermentation:</b>	Closed-top fermentation with two circulations per day; seven-eight days of skin contact
<b>Barrel Regime:</b>	Aged in American and French oak for 14 months
<b>Blend:</b>	48 percent Merlot, 36 percent Cabernet Sauvignon, 16 percent Cabernet Franc
<b>Final #s:</b>	Alcohol 14.5 percent • TA .58 g/100ml pH 3.58 • RS .04g /100ml
<b>Release Date:</b>	May 2009
<b>UPC:</b>	768154231670

### Winemaker's Notes

Desert Wind's signature blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, and Merlot embodies our commitment to the "spirit" of classical Bordeaux red winemaking. Each lot that comprises the Ruah was personally selected by the winemaker as best showcasing the quality of fruit from Desert Wind Vineyard. The nose of the wine is intensely aromatic, with Bing cherry, cinnamon, and toasted walnut in the forefront. On the palate, flavors of cherry, raspberry, and clove mingle harmoniously with supple tannins ending in a long finish. Enjoy with a wide array of foods. Drink now or cellar until 2012.

### 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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