

DESERT WIND

2008 Ruah

Wahluke Slope, Washington

Cases produced:	10,359 cases
Vineyards:	Desert Wind Vineyard (92%), Andrews-Hogue Vineyard (6%), Mercer Canyons Vineyard (2%)
Appellation:	Wahluke Slope, WA
Harvested:	September 2008
Fermentation:	Closed-top fermentation with two to three circulations per day; eight-ten days of skin contact
Barrel Regime:	Aged in American and French oak for 12 months
Blend:	46 percent Merlot, 40 percent Cabernet Sauvignon, 14 percent Cabernet Franc
Final #s:	Alcohol 14.5 percent • TA .64 g/100ml pH 3.64 • RS .08g /100ml
Release Date:	May 2009
UPC:	768154231670
Retail price:	\$20
Distribution:	Web Site, Tasting Room, National, International

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 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 for 6-8 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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