

# DESERT WIND

## 2009 Ruah

Wahluke Slope, WA

<b>Cases produced:</b>	7,945
<b>Vineyards:</b>	Desert Wind Vineyard
<b>Appellation:</b>	Wahluke Slope, WA
<b>Harvested:</b>	September 2009
<b>Fermentation:</b>	Closed-top fermentation with two to three circulations per day; eight-ten days of skin contact
<b>Barrel Regime:</b>	Aged in American oak for 12 months
<b>Blend:</b>	50 % Merlot, 34 % Cabernet Sauvignon, 13 % Cabernet Franc, 2% Malbec, 1% Barbera
<b>Final #s:</b>	Alcohol 14.5 % • TA .62 g/100ml pH 3.51 • RS .05g /100ml
<b>Release Date:</b>	June 2011
<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. Minimal oak is used in the crafting of the Ruah to allow for the full expression of Desert Wind Vineyard's fruit. The wine is intensely aromatic, with Bing cherry, red currant, 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. This wine is a perfect partner for barbeque or roasted meats. 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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