

DESERT WIND

2008 Sangiovese Wahluke Slope, WA

Cases produced: 225
Vineyard: Sacagawea Vineyard
Appellation: Wahluke Slope, WA
Harvested: October 2008
Fermentation: Closed-top fermentation with two circulations per day; seven days of skin contact
Barrel Regime: Aged in 100% American oak for 12 months
Blend: 89% Sangiovese, 9% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Merlot
Final #s: Alcohol 14% • TA 0.49 g/100ml • pH 3.70 • RS 0.04g/100ml
Release Date: September 2010
UPC: 768154231908

Winemaker's Notes

Eastern Washington's sunny days supply the opportunity for Winemaker Mark Chargin to create a Sangiovese with distinct fruit and supple texture. The wine exhibits lively aromas of bright cherry and violets with a hint of toast and vanilla. Its light to medium body is tempered by supple acidity and light oak tannins. Flavors of cherry and wild strawberry are complemented by a slight spiciness and warm finish. Drink now through 2013.

Vineyard Notes

The Sacagawea Vineyard is located in Eastern Washington's Columbia Valley. This site is considered Zone 3, the hottest in the region. The 60-acre vineyard is a southern facing block with shallow and 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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