

# DESERT WIND

## 2009 Tempranillo Wahluke Slope, WA

<b>Cases produced:</b>	427
<b>Vineyards:</b>	Desert Wind Vineyard
<b>Appellation:</b>	Wahluke Slope, WA
<b>Harvested:</b>	September 22, 2009
<b>Fermentation:</b>	Fermentation in open top bins; punch downs three times per day
<b>Barrel Regime:</b>	Aged in 100% American oak for 17 months
<b>Blend:</b>	96% Tempranillo, 2% Merlot, 1% Barbera, 1% Syrah
<b>Final #s:</b>	Alcohol 14.5% • TA 0.54 g /100ml pH 3.92 • RS 0.05 g /100ml
<b>Release Date:</b>	April 2010
<b>UPC:</b>	768154231892

### Winemaker's Notes

The 2009 Tempranillo is our interpretation of this classic Spanish grape variety used in making Rioja. Tempranillo is a grape that grows well in Eastern Washington's sun-drenched desert climate. The wine opens with gentle flavors of raspberries and leather, following into a soft, earthy finish. Its medium body will allow it to pair well with a wide variety of foods. Enjoy now or cellar for 5-7 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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