

2009 Grenache Columbia Valley

Vineyards

Spice Cabinet Vineyard/ Horse Heaven Hills AVA/ Grenache	40%
Sugarloaf Vineyard/ Rattlesnake Hills AVA/ Grenache	39%
Coyote Canyon Vineyard/ Horse Heaven Hills AVA/ Cinsault	13%
Sugarloaf Vineyard/ Rattlesnake Hills AVA/ Syrah	8%

Tasting Notes

Grenache, the noble red grape of the Southern Rhone, yields a rich, dark garnet-red wine with aromas of violets, fennel and chocolate. Ripe raspberry, blackberry, and cherry flavors build, with chocolate and caramel rounding out the spicy finish.

Vintage Notes

2009, a warm vintage for Washington State, brought spikes in the 90's for several consecutive days in August, and the warmth continued with mid 80's weather lasting into September. Sugar levels advancing on flavor development meant we harvested 2 weeks earlier than in 2008. The reds from 2009 are big and rich, with good tannin development at the warmer sites.

Technical Notes

Blend: 79% Grenache 13% Cinsault 8% Syrah

Harvest Dates: Mid October 2009

Harvest Chemistry Avg: Brix: 23-24.5 Total Acidity Avg: 6.1 g/L pH: 3.4-3.6

Vinification

We destemmed the Grenache from each vineyard to open top 1 ton fermenters, cold soaked for 2-4 days, then followed with fermentation using a selected Rhone yeast. After manual punch downs 3 times daily, we pressed to tank at 5 brix and allowed *settlement* (solids to the bottom of the tank). Then we *racked* (taking the wine, leaving the solids) to barrel to complete *primary* and *malolactic* fermentations and racked again after malolactic fermentation. We completed *elevage* (aging) in barrel over 21 months on 20% new French Oak, with the remainder on neutral French oak. No additional rackings were completed until final blending. The Syrah and Cinsault were added during the final blend. Bottled unfined and unfiltered.

Wine Chemistry: Alc v/v: 14.3% Ph: 3.77 Total Acidity: 5.3 g/L FSO₂: 35ppm R/S .4 g/L

Bottled: October 27th, 2011 Cases: 100

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