

Cabernet Sauvignon

2013 | HORSE HEAVEN HILLS



100% Cabernet Sauvignon
WALLULA VINEYARD

TECHINICAL INFORMATION

pH: 3.37

TA: 7.4 g/liter

RS: 0.4 g/liter

14.5% alcohol

70 cases produced



Harvest and Winemaking

2013 was one of the warmest vintages we have experienced until a series of Pacific storms hit the Northwest in early October. The weather immediately changed to cool fall days and cold night. The weather change allowed the block 15 Cabernet Sauvignon grapes at Wallula Vineyard to hang on the vine until hand harvest on October 23rd.

Wallula Vineyard is one of Washington's most beautiful vineyards. It is perched on several outcroppings and slopes above the Columbia River in an area known as Wallula Gap. Block 15 is a higher elevation block and ripens slower than blocks closer to the river.

After the Cabernet Sauvignon grapes were picked, we hand sorted the clusters, destemmed, and bled off 8% of the juice to further concentrate the flavors in the resulting wine. The native yeasts fermented the wine to dryness and only the free run wine was retained after pressing.

We selected five French Oak barrels (60% new) to age the Cabernet Sauvignon. 2 ½ barrels went into the Batchelor's Button and the remained 2½ barrels were bottled by themselves to create this unique single vineyard wine.

Tasting

The Horse Heaven Hills Wallula Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon has aromas and flavors of dark currants, dried sage and cigar box. The mouthfeel is smooth and rich with copious extract and well integrated tannins on the finish. This is a classic Bordeaux style Cabernet Sauvignon. Enjoy through 2023.

Thoughts on Cabernet Sauvignon

Cabernet Sauvignon is the iconic grape variety. It grows well all over the world and produces some of the finest wines anywhere. Cabernet is a relatively new variety on the wine stage. It the 18th century Cabernet Sauvignon first appeared in Bordeaux. It is a crossing between Sauvignon Blanc and Cabernet Franc

Washington Cabernet Sauvignon is unique in the world. It is riper than Bordeaux; has more acidity and is more savory than California Cabernet Sauvignon. Most of our CS vines are clone 8 and there is a plethora of new clones coming into the state. There is much excitement about the present and future of Washington Cabernet Sauvignon.

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