Purple Paintbrush

2013 | YAKIMA VALLEY

88% Cabernet Franc
10% Cabernet Sauvignon
2% Merlot

63% Olsen Ranch Vineyard Cabernet Franc
25% Dineen Vineyard Cabernet Franc
10% Upland Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon
2% Wallula Vineyard Merlot

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

pH: 3.71

TA: 5.5 g/liter

RS: <0.5 g/liter

13.9% alcohol

192 cases produced

Harvest and Winemaking

2013 was one of the warmest growing seasons on record with unusually warm temperatures in August and September. A cooler than usual October resulted in a long hang time with the Cabernet Franc and created plush & savory flavors.

Olsen Ranch Cabernet Franc was picked on October 17 and Dineen Cabernet Franc was picked on October 2. Wallula Merlot was harvested on October 14 and Upland Cabernet Sauvignon picked on October 17.

All the grapes were hand harvested and hand sorted prior to destemming into open top fermentation bins. The grapes were fermented by yeasts native to the vineyards and the cap was punched down three times daily Only the free run wine was retained for the Purple Paintbrush.

The wine finished fermentation in 33% new French oak barrels and the remaining barrels were relatively neutral French Oak barrels. The Purple Paintbrush was polish filtered and bottled in September 2014.

Tasting

The Purple Paintbrush is our Cabernet Franc blend. The wine has a uniquely dark purple color. Aromas of boysenberry, blueberry, wet earth, baking spices, and sweet herbs leap from the glass. The mouth feel is plush with a sweet & ripe entry. There's a tickle of acidity on the long finish. Overall the wine is smooth and rich and highlights the beauty of Washington Cabernet Franc.

Our Paintbrush line of wines are a metaphor for blending different grapes to create smooth and delicious wine. Enjoy through 2022.

Denise and Brett Isenhower founded their winery in 1999. They are committed to sustainable winemaking through low input farming, native yeast fermentation, natural corks, American made bottles, no capsules, and recycled paper labels.

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