



2008 Washington State The Last Straw Red Wine

vineyard and blend

The Last Straw is a melange of all the press wine from the 2008 Harvest at Isenhower Cellars. The Guinness Book of Records does not have an entry as to the number of different grapes in a single bottle of wine but The Last Straw may be the winner. In descending order of quantity of each varietal in this bottle is Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah, Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Grenache, Sangiovese, Barbera, Tempranillo, Mourvedre, Nebbiolo, Petit Verdot, and Malbec. Wow! The contributing vineyards are Bacchus, Desert Hills, Dineen, Dionysus, Elerding, Kestrel, Klipsun, Red Mountain Vineyard, Wallula, and Weinbau. These vineyards are the best of the best.

tasting

The Last Straw is a Yin and Yang wine, full of complex red and black fruits, spices, and oak nuances yet it is meant to be enjoyed simply with friends and family during cookouts and parties. The Last Straw will please hard core wine fans and the red wine newbies. Have fun and let this wine strengthen your bonds of friendship and family.

harvest and elevage

I use only free run wine for my more expensive wines. However being a middle class winemaker, I said to myself, "Self, there's still good wine in those skins". So I pressed the skins throughout harvest, collecting the press wine into a single tank. When the press wine completed fermentation the wine was aged in used french oak barrels for 14 months and bottled. Viola, The Last Straw!

Brett Isenhower, owner and winemaker