



## 2008 Yakima Valley Purple Paintbrush

62% Dineen Vineyard Cabernet Franc - 23% Desert Hills Merlot - 15% Wallula Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon

### vineyards

Dineen Vineyard is new for us in 2008. Located in Zillah, Washington Dineen is a warm vineyard site favored by many of the Woodinville wineries for producing deeply colored wines with soft tannins and good acidity. Dineen Vineyard is owned by Pat Dineen and farmed by Pat and Matt Rawn. Desert Hills Vineyard is located 5 miles north of Highway 82 between Grandview and Sunnyside. Wallula Vineyard is located on cliffs above the Columbia River in the Horse Heaven Hills. Both Desert Hills and Wallula are farmed by the denHoed family.

### tasting

A brilliant, dark red hue leads to vibrant aromas of crushed blackberries, Bing cherries, and black plums jump out of the glass and stimulate the olfactory receptors in the nasal cavities. Underneath the fruit is a gamy/earth, thyme, and dark roasted coffee tones that reminds the taster that this wine is alive and pulsing. The mouthfeel is rich on the entry and delves into an explosion of balancing acidity. Very young now, like an excitable child begging for attention, the Purple Paintbrush will mature into a graceful ballerina over the next 5 to 7 years. Pair this fantastic wine with Bobby Flay's Pan Roasted Chicken with Crushed Blackberry-Ancho Sauce and Green Onion Smashed Potatoes.

### harvest and elevage

The Cabernet Franc was picked on . All the grapes were hand harvested and immediately destemmed at the winery. Fermentation was conducted in open top steel bins and the cap was punched down twice daily until completion of fermentation. Uniquely Dineen Cabernet Franc fermented very hot, 33°C. Typically our fermentations heat up to 28°C. Only the free-run wine was used for the Purple Paintbrush, the press wine going into a red table wine. All three of the wines were aged in French Oak barrels (0% new) for 13 months prior to bottling. Enjoy through 2014.  
3860 bottles produced