



POWERS

2012

Merlot

Columbia Valley

TASTING NOTES

This is a classic style of Washington Merlot with aromas of black cherries, black plum, pomegranate, molasses, and leather that leaps onto the palate filled with cherry, wild raspberry, and cocoa, intertwined with a touch of vanilla. This wine has a rich mouthfeel and finishes beautifully with structured, but rounded tannins.

BLEND/VINEYARD INFO

90% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Cabernet Franc, 2% Malbec
45% Goose Ridge Vineyard Merlot, Columbia Valley
20% Katherine Leone Vineyard Merlot, Wahluke Slope
20% Sheridan Vineyard Merlot, Yakima Valley
5% Champoux Vineyard Merlot, Horse Heaven Hills
5% Goose Ridge Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon, Columbia Valley
3% Sheridan Vineyard Cabernet Franc, Yakima Valley
1% Champoux Vineyard Malbec, Horse Heaven Hills
1% Goose Ridge Vineyard Malbec, Columbia Valley

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Washington is known for having world class Merlot, and this bottling is no exception. The Goose Ridge and Sheridan Merlot, along with the Champoux Malbec, Goose Ridge Malbec, and Goose Ridge Cabernet Sauvignon were fermented in stainless steel uprights. The Katherine Leone Merlot was fermented in a rotary fermenter, with the Champoux Merlot and Sheridan Cabernet Franc done in the pump under fermenter. We used 796 yeast on all of the batches, then completed 100% malolactic fermentation in French Oak. We then aged this wine for 11 months in 2 year old French Oak barrels.



TECHNICAL DATA

Release Date: Nov, 8 2013

Alcohol: 13.5

Residual Sugar: 0.00

Acidity: 0.68

pH 3.89

Cases: 515

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