

2009 Mourvedre Heart of the Hill Vineyard 125 cases

Tasting Notes

Planted by the Williams Family, one of Red Mountain's pioneering wine growing families, Heart of the Hill lies midway up Red Mountain's slope. With spectacular exposure, this vineyard yields a Mourvedre with flavors and aromas of ripe plum, clove, tobacco and wet stone, with a full rich mouthfeel and bright finish. This wine is approachable now and will also age gracefully for many years.



Harvest Notes

Vineyard: Heart of The Hill
Appellation: Red Mountain
Varietals: 100% Mourvedre

Vineyards

Red Mountain was at one time an island in an Ice-Age flood. Calmer water around islands such as Red Mountain allowed fine-textured sediment and silt to settle out of suspension during the flooding. Thanks to the active volcanoes in the nearby Cascade Mountains, the silt sits on top of a layer of fractured basalt rock. These basalt beds contribute significantly to acidity, structure, and minerality of wines made with Red Mountain grapes.

Heart of the Hill vineyard lies mid slope on Red Mountain. A very hot site, adjacent to Ciel du Cheval vineyard, with south-facing slopes, incredible hezel silt loam soil and temperate sunny weather Conditions and 7 inches of rainfall annually. This block of Mourvedre is cordon trained. The high alkalinity and high calcium carbonate content produce wines of incredible structure and longevity.

Vinification

The fruit was hand harvested and transported to the winery in the early morning. All fruit was de-stemmed with no crushing. Inoculated fermentation occurred in 33 hectoliter concrete cubes, with a max temp of 81 degrees, twice daily pump-overs and early delestage. This bottling contains 100% free run juice that was put directly into 3-7 year old barrels. Unfined. A light, polish filtration preceded bottling. Barrel time of 16 months.