

2009 Subduction Red 1,488 cases

Tasting Notes

Long inspired by the wines of the Southern Rhone Valley, this is our answer to a Washington version of a Cotes-du-Rhone Villages wine. Ripe and hedonistic, this wine displays vivid ruby color. This is a blend of classic southern French varieties that are unique and expressive on their own; yet each contributes to create a harmonious whole. Bold and seductive, this wine exhibits blackberry and game aromas, with juicy plum and spice flavors. The bright, supple finish and intense fruit flavors make Subduction Red adaptable to many foods and occasions.



Harvest Notes

Appellation: Columbia Valley

Varietals: 39% Mourvedre / 19% Counoise / 17% Syrah / 16% Grenache / 6% Cinsault / 3% Carignan

Vineyards

This wine is more an exploration of the Columbia Valley than a representation of any one varietal or vineyard. The grapes all come from throughout the Columbia Valley from vineyards with which we have long term contracts. Syrah is sourced from our two vineyard designated sites, while the Grenache is sourced from the Wahluke Slope, Horse Heaven and Columbia Gorge. Mourvedre is planted to a remarkable hillside in the Horse Heaven Hills as well as Red Mountain. Cinsault, Counoise and Carignan are from Horse Heaven Hills. What is important for us lies in what each site contributes to the overall blend.

Vinification

The fruit is hand harvested and transported to the winery in the early morning. The fruit is destemmed directly into fermenters with no crushing. Inoculated fermentation is in both open top fermenters with manual pigeage as well as closed top concrete with pump overs. It is pressed at dryness and barreled in French oak barrels (5-10% new). Bottled in 11 months.