



Wine Tech Notes

2012 Mourvèdre COLUMBIA VALLEY

350 cases produced • 14.5% Alc by Vol.

Tasting Notes

Uniting Red Mountain's intensity, brilliant acidity and tannin structure with Horse Heaven's lush fruit flavors and texture; we have created a blend that offers juicy black raspberry, cassis and savory flavors with hints of pepper and herbs de Provence. The aromas are complemented by a rich, layered mouthfeel and bright finish.



Harvest Notes

- Vineyards:** 63% Heart of the Hill (Red Mountain)
37% Alder Ridge Vineyard (Horse Heaven Hills)
- Appellation:** Columbia Valley (Horse Heaven Hills and Red Mountain Blend)
- Varietal:** 100% Mourvèdre

Vineyards

Alder Ridge Vineyard yields wines of intensity and purity. Planted in a bowl along the banks of the Columbia River, with one of the longest growing seasons in the state, it is ideal for reliably ripening Mediterranean varieties.

Heart of the Hill Vineyard lies mid slope on Red Mountain. This is a very hot site, adjacent to Ciel du Cheval vineyard, with south-facing slopes, incredible hezel silt loam soil, temperate sunny weather Conditions and 7 inches of annual rainfall. 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. It was then 80% de-stemmed with no crushing, mixed with 20% whole clusters. 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 back into the concrete cubes (50%) and 7 year old barrels. Unfined. A light, polish filtration preceded bottling. Aging time of 14 months.