



Wine Tech Notes

2018 Subduction Red

91 barrels produced • 14.3% Alc. by vol.

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.

A blend of classic southern French varieties that are unique and expressive on their own; yet each contributes to create a harmonious whole.

This charming, ruby colored wine displays black raspberry, ripe cherry, and spice aromas with bright acidity. The juicy mid-palate and excellent length provides a wine that is compatible with many foods and occasions.



Harvest Notes

Vineyards: 45% McKinley Springs / 15% Boushey / 13% Chukar Ridge / 13% Coyote Canyon / 7% Alder Ridge / 7% Ranch at the End of the Road

Appellation: Columbia Valley (65% Horse Heaven Hills / 15% Yakima Valley / 13% Columbia Valley/ 7% Red Mountain)

Varietals: 50% Syrah / 18% Grenache / 12% Mourvedre / 11% Carignan / 9% Cinsault

Vineyards

Subduction Red is more an exploration of Washington than a representation of any one varietal or vineyard. The grapes are sourced from throughout Horse Heaven Hills, Yakima Valley, Columbia Valley and Red Mountain, all from vineyards with which we have long term contracts. What is important for us lies in what each site contributes to the overall blend.

Vinification

The fruit was hand harvested, transported to the winery in the early morning and de-stemmed directly into fermenters with no crushing. There was an average of 20% whole clusters in the fermentations. Native fermentation was in small open top fermenters with manual pigeage, as well as closed top concrete Nomblot concrete 40HL tanks and 40HL French oak upright tanks with pump overs. All wines were pressed at dryness and barreled in a mix of Nomblot concrete tanks and neutral French oak barrels. Elevage lasted approximately 10 months. The wine was bottled in August 2019.