

# 2009 Aridisol Red **Columbia Valley**

### **CASES PRODUCED: 64**

#### WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2008 Aridisol was a classic Bordeaux-style blend. Our 2009 Aridisol is all Rhone: Syrah, Mourvèdre and Durif (also known as Petite Sirah). Bold, deep purple-black in color, the heady blackberry and plum jam notes are layered in chocolate derived from time in northern Minnesota American oak barrels. The spice is light eucalyptus, cinnamon and black licorice with a pinch of tobacco. Aridisol, meaning "desert soils," is a testament to why I love Washington State wines.

Gord Taylor, Winemaker

#### **VINEYARDS**

Location: ALDER RIDGE VINEYARD, Block 24, HORSE HEAVEN HILLS **Planted:** 1998 Soil: Warden Fine Sandy Loam

Location: FAR AWAY VINEYARD, BLOCK 15, YAKIMA VALLEY Planted: 2003, virgin soil Aspect: East

Soil: Scoon Series. Shallow, well drained soils formed in loess and silty alluvium over a duripan. Scoon soils are on terraces and alluvial fans.

Location: ZEPHYR RIDGE VINEYARD, HORSE HEAVEN HILLS Date Planted: 1997 Aspect: South Soil: Quincy sand. This soil is very deep and excessively drained formed on sand dunes.

#### WINEMAKING

SYRAH • ALDER RIDGE VINEYARD Harvested by Hand: September 24 2009 Brix: 26.5 **pH:** 3.77 Yeast: Premiere Cuvee Fermentation: 5 days Maximum temperature: 83°F MOURVÈDRE • FAR AWAY VINEYARD Harvested: October 16, 2009 by hand Brix: 22.0 **pH:** 3.2 Yeast: EC |||8 Fermentation: 9 days Maximum temperature: 84°F **DURIF • ZEPHYR RIDGE VINEYARD** Harvested by Hand: October 6 2009 **Brix:** 26.5 **pH:** 3.5 Yeast: ICV D21 Fermentation: 10 days Maximum temperature: 82°F

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Wine Lore: While some wineries grow all of their own grapes, at Daven Lore we source ours from local growers who specialize in grape production. That allows wine maker Gord Taylor to focus on getting the most out of the grapes. The grapes in the Aridisol Red are grown on desert soils that soil scientists, like his wife Joan Davenport, classify as Aridisols (arid soils). Like all of the grapes that we source, these are grown within a 30 mile radius of the winery. With this wine we aim to bring you a taste of the area in every glass.



**TECHNICAL DATA** Alcohol: |4.8% **Blend:** 

74% Syrah Alder Ridge Vineyard 16% Mourvèdre Far Away Vineyard 9% Durif Zephyr Ridge Vineyard **Cases produced:** 64 Bottled: September 22 2011

#### **FOOD PAIRINGS**

Baked pasta dishes Bouillabaisse Ouiche Manchego cheese



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