

# 2008 Aridisol Red Columbia Valley

### WINEMAKER NOTES

Upon initial release this wine will benefit from letting it breathe for 1-3 hours or decanting. Expect a dark berry jam quality: blackberry and raspberry with caramelized cane sugar notes. The wine also has red pomegranate fruit complemented by the peppery note of nasturtiums flowers. Good depth and structure from bold tannins round out this wine and make it worth the wait. *Gord Taylor, Winemaker* 

#### **VINEYARDS**

Location: ALDER RIDGE VINEYARD, HORSE HEAVEN HILLS Block 8 Merlot, Block 10 Cabernet Sauvignon
Date Planted: 1998 Soil: Warden Fine Sandy Loam
Location: NEWHOUSE VINEYARD, SNIPES MOUNTAIN
Date Planted: 1999 Soil: Harwood-Burke-Wiehl silt loam formed in the Snipes MT conglomerate. High level of worn river cobbles originated prior to last ice age.
Location: LONESOME SPRING RANCH, YAKIMA VALLEY
Date Planted / Soils: Malbec: 2001, Scooteney silt loam. Petit Verdot: 2001, Starbuck silt loam.

#### WINEMAKING

MERLOT ALDER RIDGE VINEYARD Harvested by Hand: September 26 2008 Brix: 26.5 **pH:** 3.61 Yeast: Lallemand D-21 Fermentation: 8 days Maximum temperature: 88°F CABERNET SAUVIGNON ALDER RIDGE VINEYARD Harvested by Hand: October 10 2008 Brix: 25.8 pH: 3.72 Yeast: Lallemand D-21 Fermentation: 8 days Maximum temperature: 83°F CABERNET SAUVIGNON NEWHOUSE VINEYARD Harvested by Hand: October 13 2008 **Brix:** 26 **pH:** 3.63 Yeast: EC |||8 Fermentation: 8 days Maximum temperature: 82°F MALBEC LONESOME SPRING RANCH Harvested by Hand: October 13 2008 Brix: 23.5 pH: 3.58 Yeast: Chris Hansen Merit Fermentation: 8 days Maximum temperature: 84°F

# ARIDISOL RED

COLUMBIA VALLEY

Wine Lore: In wine, landscape always counts. Aridisol Red is a blend of grapes from five unique sites in the Columbia Valley. One thing that all these vineyards share is the soil type. They are all desert soils which soil scientists classify as Aridisols (arid soils). We hope that you enjoy your desert encounter in a glass as you open and indulge in Aridisol Red.



# **TECHNICAL DATA**

Alcohol: 14.5% Blend:

32% Merlot Alder Ridge Vineyard
17% Cabernet Sauvignon Alder Ridge Vineyard
17% Cabernet Sauvignon Newhouse Vineyard
17% Malbec Lonesome Spring Ranch
17% Petit Verdot Lonesome Spring Ranch
Cases produced: 75.5
Bottled: August 23 2010
Potential Aging: 0-5 years

# **FOOD PAIRINGS**

Thai meat dishes Middle Eastern dishes Hearty stews and soups



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