



2008 Merlot Columbia Valley

Daven Lore
winery

WINEMAKER NOTES

Merlot is a personal favorite, it plays well (blends) with others or stands alone. Its structure softens first, before all the other grapes we use, with big, fleshy, smooth flavors and tannins. Our 2008 Merlot begins with ripe strawberry, candied apple and cherry aromas, moves to a vanilla cream and coffee blend, ending with a toffee finish. The tannins are well structured and supple. The mid-palate is pure toast: roasted almonds and a hint of fresh baked bread. *Gord Taylor, Winemaker*

VINEYARDS

Location: ALDER RIDGE BLOCK 8,10, HORSE HEAVEN HILLS
Date Planted: 1998 **Slope:** South **Heat Units:** 3000
Soil: Warden Fine Sandy Loam

Location: UPLAND VINEYARDS, SNIPES MOUNTAIN
Date Planted: 1988 **Slope:** South **Heat units:** 2744
Soil: Harwood-Burke-Wiehl silt loam formed in the Snipes MT conglomerate. Worn river cobbles originated prior to last ice age.

WINEMAKING

MERLOT ALDER RIDGE VINEYARD

Harvested by Hand: September 26 2008
Brix: 26.5 **pH:** 3.61
Yeast: Lallemand D-21
Fermentation completed: 8 days
Maximum fermentation temperature: 88°F

MERLOT UPLAND VINEYARDS

Harvested by Hand: September 22 2008
Brix: 25 **pH:** 3.76
Yeast: Chris Hansen Merit
Fermentation: 9 days **Maximum temp:** 84°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

MALBEC DOUBLE CANYON VINEYARDS

Harvested by Hand: October 10 2008
Brix: 26 **pH:** 3.92
Yeast: Laffort F-15
Fermentation: 7 days **Maximum temp:** 83°F

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COLUMBIA VALLEY

Wine Lore:

GOT WINE?

We Do. And this bottle of Daven Lore is one of them. As a small winery, everything is done by us with the help of some friends.

How Small?

We do not number cases, we name them. That's small.



TECHNICAL DATA

Alcohol: 14.4%

Blend:

56% Merlot Alder Ridge Vineyard
28% Merlot Upland Vineyards
7% Cabernet Sauvignon Alder Ridge V.
7% Malbec Double Canyon
2% Petite Verdot Lonesome Spring Ranch

Cases produced: 85

Potential Aging: 0-5 years

FOOD PAIRINGS

Baked pasta dishes
Carmelized onions
Pork, veal, and hearty chicken dishes.



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