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2012 Reserve Red Wine

VINTAGE

After two cooler than normal vintages, the 2012 vintage more closely resembled what is typical of the Columbia Valley. The temperatures in the spring were relatively cool, while summer temperatures were warm and remarkably consistent. The ideal weather continued through harvest and allowed us to produce aromatic, flavorful wines with good acidity. Expect the wines from this vintage to be long-lived and incredibly well-balanced.

VINEYARDS

Weinbau Vineyard is located on the Wahluke Slope and is one of the oldest vineyards in the appellation. The Cabernet Franc and Malbec in the blend both come from this vineyard as well as a good portion of the Cabernet Sauvignon. Champoux Vineyard contributes the remainder of the Cabernet Sauvignon in the blend. Located in the Horse Heaven Hills, Champoux Vineyard is one of the state's most revered vineyards. It provides great suppleness and concentration to the blend, while the Weinbau adds structure and length. Merlot, the final contributor to the blend, comes from the renowned Klipsun Vineyard.

WINEMAKING

After destemming and crushing, grapes were fermented on their skins for an average of eight days. After being pressed off, this lot was aged for 22 months in predominantly new French Oak barrels to improve its already lengthy finish. Racking the wine every five months created pliant tannins and a bold, stylish structure.


TASTING NOTES

Intense aromas of plum, black cherry, currant, and spice fill the glass. In addition to great structure, it is concentrated and supple on the palate with rich dark fruit and chocolate that lend focus to the long, generous finish. Very cellar worthy.



ANALYSIS AT BOTTLING

Total Acidity0.55g/100ml
 pH.....3.72
 Blend..... .86% Cabernet Sauvignon;
 9% Merlot;
 3% Cabernet Franc
 2% Malbec
 Cases..... 136
 Bottling Date..... July 24, 2014


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