



JANUIK

2013 Columbia Valley Red Wine

VINTAGE

Over the course of the last few vintages, the Columbia Valley has seen a shift from two of this decade's cooler vintages in 2010 and 2011 to the warmest vintage of the last ten years in 2013. An early bud break was followed by warm temperatures that persisted through August. Harvest started earlier than normal but cool September temperatures slowed ripening considerably, and most grapes benefited from the drawn-out hang time that occurred because of these cooler temperatures.

VINEYARDS

One of the advantages of having made wine in the Columbia Valley since the mid-1980s is the opportunity it's given me to work with some of the most dedicated growers in the industry. Our Columbia Valley wines are made from a short list of vineyards I consider to be among the best in the state. The diversity of these vineyards-representing many of the most mature, carefully managed sites in Washington-provides for a full range of fruit expression that allows me to craft complex, multi-layered wines true to Columbia Valley *terroir* as well as the varietal character of the grapes. Our 2013 Red Wine includes grapes from Weinbau, Red Heaven, Champoux, Ciel du Cheval, and Shaw vineyards.

WINEMAKING

After destemming and crushing, grapes were fermented on their skins for an average of eight days. After being pressed off, this wine was aged for 21 months in equal amounts of new and once used French oak barrels to improve its already lengthy finish. Racking the wine every four months created pliant tannins and a bold, stylish structure.

TASTING NOTES

The nose is filled with vibrant dark fruit, baking spice, and chocolate notes. Upon tasting, the wine is brimming with fresh berry and cherry flavors. A cohesive and balanced mid-palate follows into a nice supple finish.

Mike Januik, owner/winemaker

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ANALYSIS AT BOTTLING

Total Acidity..... 0.55g/100ml

pH..... 3.78

Blend..... 39% Cabernet Sauvignon
33% Syrah
16% Merlot
10% Malbec
2% Cabernet Franc

Cases..... 1529

Bottling Date..... May 14, 2015