



A very warm August and early September gave the vines and grapes in Eastern Washington's Columbia Valley a great foundation from which to build both sugar and physiological ripeness. Despite the slight cooling trend that went into effect about the 10th of September, the ripening pendulum had been set in motion as we began harvesting the first of our Merlot grapes from Ciel du Cheval on Red Mountain. The rest of our vineyards followed suit and by the 12th of October we had everything in the cellar. This is by far the most compact harvest we've seen.

AROMATICS

Intense black fruits dominate the aromatics, supplemented by smoky chocolate, coffee, black olives and black pepper. The Malbec adds lushness to both the nose and palate.

PALATE

There is a wonderful balance between flavor, structure and length. This is not a big, rough and tumble Cabernet Sauvignon that needs to be cellared to be enjoyed, but rather one with smooth, fine-grained tannins and a very appealing 'brightness' to it.

2003 Columbia Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

VINEYARD DETAILS

VINEYARD SOURCES:

Klipsun, Ciel du Cheval and Alder Ridge

GRAPE/VINEYARD PERCENTAGES:

Klipsun Cabernet Sauvignon: 29%
Ciel du Cheval Cabernet Sauvignon: 14%
Alder Ridge Cabernet Sauvignon: 26%
Boushey Cabernet Sauvignon: 8
Alder Ridge Merlot: 4%
Ciel du Cheval Merlot: 4%
Alder Ridge Malbec: 15%

PRIMARY FERMENTATION DETAILS

HARVEST DATES

Klipsun Cabernet: 10.06.2003
Ciel du Cheval Cabernet: 09.26.2003
Alder Ridge Cabernet: 10.06.2003
Boushey Cabernet Sauvignon: 10.12.2003
Alder Ridge Merlot: 09.26.2003
Ciel du Cheval Merlot: 09.10.2003
Alder Ridge Malbec: 10.17.2003

BRIX AT HARVEST

24.3° - 26.1°

COLD-SOAK TIME

2 days average

FERMENTATION TIME

9 days average

FERMENTATION TEMP

87°- 90° F peak

BARREL PROGRAM

PERCENTAGE OF NEW FRENCH OAK

100% French for 20 months

FINISHED WINE DETAILS

ALCOHOL/ PH/TITRATABLE ACIDITY

13.9% 3.78 / 5.72 g/L

BOTTLING DATES

04.23.2007 300 Cases

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