



2007 CADARETTA SPRINGBOARD

THE GRAPES

The first 22 acres of our Southwind Estate vineyard in the Walla Walla Valley were planted in the summer of 2008. As we wait for those young vineyard blocks to mature, we source grapes from select vineyards in the Walla Walla Valley and Columbia Valley AVAs. The winemaking team works closely with each grape grower and our vineyard blocks to assure top quality fruit for Cadaretta.

Several of our limited production Cadaretta wines are named with timber industry terms. These names were selected as a salute to the heritage of the Anderson & Middleton families, who have been in Washington since 1898. Just as our winery is named for the lumber schooner Cadaretta,

Springboard (our Bordeaux varietal selection), is named for a short length of plank that tree-fallers fit into the base of a tree to stand on as they cut.

Our 2007 Springboard is blended from six different vineyard sources:

- The Cabernet (36%) is from the 17-acre Heather Hill vineyard east of Walla Walla, on the southern border of the Walla Walla appellation.
- The Merlot (35%) is from Pepper Bridge Vineyard, Alder Ridge Vineyard and Spring Creek Vineyard.
- The Petit Verdot (25%) comes from the Wahluke Slope's Stone Tree Vineyard, near Mattawa at the foot of the Saddle Mountains.
- Gamache Vineyard supplied the Cabernet Franc (4%). These grapes come from an area unofficially known as the "White Bluffs."

THE WINE

The 2007 Springboard has an almost opaque, deep ruby hue. Aromas of ripe plum and cherry fruit, with blackberry pie and spice, fill the nose. There's a hint of dark cigar leaf and black earth, accented by licorice and cassis. On the palate, round, generous fruit opens to a richly-layered mid palate, with savory herbs and tobacco. Firm acidity carries the wine tightly from start to finish, and generous tannin lends volume and intensity, leading to a chocolate laden, delicious finish.

VARIETAL COMPOSITION: 36% Cabernet Sauvignon, 35% Merlot, 25% Petit Verdot, 4% Cabernet Franc

GRAPE SOURCES:

- Heather Hill Vineyard: Cabernet Sauvignon
- Pepper Bridge, Alder Ridge and Spring Creek Vineyard: Merlot
- Stone Tree Vineyard: Petit Verdot
- Gamache Vineyard: Cabernet Franc

APPELLATION: Columbia Valley

COOPERAGE: 100% French oak, 27% new, aged 21 months

TITRATABLE ACIDITY...pH: 6.6g /L. ...3.72

FINISHED ALCOHOL: 14.2% by volume

BOTTLING DATE: August 5, 2009

RELEASE DATE: August 1, 2010

PRODUCTION: 1,302 bottles, packed 6 x 750ml

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