

"If Washington State's top producers are indeed aiming to make wines of greater finesse, as is the trend nowadays across much of the New World, their efforts have been facilitated by a pair of back-to-back cooler growing seasons in 2010 and 2011. And if you think my scores for the Washington wines I tasted this year are higher than ever before, you're right."

-STEPHEN TANZER



**CADARETTA**, Columbia Valley  
2009 Windthrow, Columbia Valley

**89** POINTS

"65% Syrah, 23% Mourvedre and 12% Grenache, all picked before the October frost. Bright ruby-red. Super-ripe aromas of black olive, bitter chocolate and pepper. **Creamy sweet, plush and exotic on the palate, with a slightly roasted fruit character** and a liqueur like Grenache element. This sweet, easygoing wine has the fat to support its major tannins. Aged in all-new oak."

-STEPHEN TANZER, NOVEMBER/DECEMBER, 2012

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