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WINE

FRENCH OAK

BY KENDALL MIX

MISSOULA FLOODS

DISCOVERY

INCONCEIVABLE CABERNET SAUVIGNON | COLUMBIA VALLEY | 2012 | "AFTER THE FLOODS"

RED HILLS

EXPRESSIVE

VINTAGE 2012: After two cool and difficult vintages (2010 and 2011) vintage 2012 was a winegrower's delight in the Columbia Valley. It was an exceptional vintage, in quantity and quality, with a warm growing season that allowed for even ripening. Cabernet Sauvignon and other Bordeaux grapes yielded ripe, round varietal flavors without the very high acidity typical of the previous two vintages.

INCONCEIVABLE should, perhaps, be called "Conceived At Last!" These are wines produced and bottled by and for Middleton Family Wines. We imagined them, then considered our grape sourcing and winemaking, and declared them INCONCEIVABLE ... and set about finding ways to make them anyway. It's taken us five years to figure out this Cabernet Sauvignon.

COLUMBIA VALLEY

ADVENTUROUS

VARIETAL BLEND & VINEYARDS: 80% Cabernet Sauvignon, small lots from five vineyards: Vin du Lac (Chelan), Obelisco (Red Mountain), Heather Hill (Walla Walla Valley), Alder Ridge (Horse Heaven Hills), and Gamache (Wahluke Slope) 11% Malbec from Seven Hills Vineyard (Walla Walla Valley) 7% Petit Verdot from Seven Hills Vineyard (Walla Walla Valley) 2% Merlot from Red Mountain Vineyard (Red Mountain)

INCONCEIVABLE WINES encourage discovery, each labeled with a map indicating physical landmarks and historic events to guide the intrepid explorer; each with aromas and flavors offering sensory landmarks to guide the curious wine lover.

AMERICAN OAK

DISTINCTIVE

BARREL AGING: 26 months in barrel, 45% new oak, 78% French oak and 22% American oak.

PH AT BOTTLING: 3.80
TA AT BOTTLING G/L: 5.6
ALCOHOL: 15.0%

BOTTLING DATE:
 December 16, 2014
 (in Walla Walla, WA)
CASE PRODUCTION:
 739 cases (12 x 750ml)

2012

SURPRISING

TASTING NOTES: Intense deep purple hue, a little red brick-ish around the edges. Dark fruits (black berry, black cherry) and toasted bread lead the aromatics. Savory aspects of dark roasted coffee, dark chocolate, and a slight tinge of wet earth add complexity. On the palate, the wine is medium to full-bodied, with fruit character echoing the aromatics, plus subtler elements of cocoa powder, tanned leather, red and Bing cherries, with a very gentle hint of green bean. The finish lingers for an extended length of time with a persistent character of dried berries.



INCONCEIVABLE WINES are always "of a place." They have distinctive aromas and flavors indigenous and inherent to where they are grown. Our labels identify place-clues for exploring the wine within the bottle.

WALLA WALLA VALLEY

CABERNET

MAL

VERDOT

MERLOT

HORSE HEAVEN HILLS