

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

CADARETTA



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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 produce fruit, we source grapes from select vineyards in the Walla Walla Valley and Columbia Valley AVAs. Winemaker Virginie Bourgue works closely with each grape grower and our selected blocks from their vineyards to assure top quality fruit for Cadaretta.

Our 2007 Cabernet Sauvignon is blended from seven different vineyard sources:

- Wallula Vineyard: At the eastern corner of the Horse Heaven Hills AVA. The vineyard is planted on the North side of the Columbia River and has incredible soil diversity enhanced by farming using biodynamic techniques.
- Heather Hill Vineyard: East of Walla Walla; 17-acres located on the southern border of the Walla Walla appellation.
- Gamache Vineyard: Owners Bob and Roger Gamache planted their first vines in 1982 near Prosser in the Yakima Valley
- Spring Creek Vineyard: Adjacent to the Red Mountain AVA, where the vineyard's southern aspect takes full advantage of extended daylight and downslope breezes.
- Alder Ridge Vineyard: The vineyard overlooks the Columbia River west of Patterson, which tempers the climate so it's cooler in summer and warmer in winter
- Pepper Bridge Vineyard: Originally planted in 1991; located in the Walla Walla Valley AVA near the Oregon border.
- Stone Tree Vineyard: On the Wahluke Slope, near Mattawa at the foot of the Saddle Mountains.

VARIETAL COMPOSITION: 86% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Merlot, 2% Petit Verdot, 2% Cabernet Franc

GRAPE SOURCES:

Cabernet Sauvignon: Wallula Vineyard 26.9 (Horse Heaven Hills), Heather Hill Vineyard 20.3% (Walla Walla Valley), Gamache Vineyard 19.8% (Columbia Valley), Spring Creek Vineyard 19.6% (Yakima Valley)

Merlot: Alder Ridge Vineyard 7.7% (Horse Heaven Hills), Pepper Bridge Vineyard 2.3% (Walla Walla Valley)

Petit Verdot: Stone Tree Vineyard 1.8% (Wahluke Slope),

Cabernet Franc: Gamache Vineyard (Columbia Valley)

APPELLATION: Columbia Valley

VINIFICATION: Fermented in stainless steel, daily punch down during fermentation. Aged for 19 months in 100% French oak (35% new).

TOTAL ACIDITY...pH: 6.9G/L...3.75

ALCOHOL: 14.2% by volume

BOTTLING DATE: August 5, 2009

RELEASE DATE: May 1, 2010

PRODUCTION: 11,556 bottles, packed 6 x 750ml

THE WINE

Bright red-ruby hue. Aromas of cherry, dark plum, raspberry, currant and dark chocolate truffle initially on the nose, opening to a broad spectrum of cherry, raspberry, dark plum, and red currant with hints of bay leaf. Supple texture, with harmonious, elegant and nicely integrated oak. Finishes with smooth tannins, and dried cranberry and cherry linger nicely in the finish.

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