

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 summers of 2007, 2008, and 2010. We should receive our first crop from that young vineyard this year. 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. Our winemaking team works closely with each grape grower and our selected blocks from their vineyards to assure top quality fruit for Cadaretta.

Our 2008 Cabernet Sauvignon is blended from four different vineyard sources:

- Heather Hill Vineyard: East of Walla Walla; 17-acres located on the southern border of the Walla Walla appellation. Fifty three percent of the Cabernet grapes came from here.
- Gamache Vineyard: Owners Bob and Roger Gamache planted their first vines in 1982 in a region known unofficially as "White Bluffs," 38 miles north of Pasco. Thirty six percent of the Cabernet and the 3% of Cabernet Franc grapes were grown here.
- Stone Tree Vineyard: On the Wahluke Slope, near Mattawa at the foot of the Saddle Mountains. The Petit Verdot (6% of the blend) grew here.
- 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. The Merlot, 3% of the final blend, is from here.

THE WINE

Deep red-ruby hue. Aromas of cherry, mountain berries, currants 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. Mineral notes fuse to the finish, with earthy flavors and silty tannins drawing towards a long and savory close.

VARIETAL COMPOSITION: 89% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Petit Verdot, 3% Cabernet Franc, 2% Merlot

GRAPE SOURCES:

Cabernet Sauvignon: Heather Hill Vineyard 53% (Walla Walla AVA), Gamache Vineyard 36% (Columbia Valley)

Petit Verdot: Stone Tree Vineyard 6% (Wahluke Slope),

Cabernet Franc: Gamache Vineyard 3% (Columbia Valley)

Merlot: Alder Ridge Vineyard 2% (Horse Heaven Hills)

APPELLATION: Columbia Valley

VINIFICATION: Fermented in stainless steel, daily punch down during fermentation. Aged for 19 months in 100% French oak (45% new).

TOTAL ACIDITY...pH: 6.2 G/L...3.74

ALCOHOL: 14.9% by volume

BOTTLING DATE: August 18, 2010

RELEASE DATE: November 1, 2011

PRODUCTION: 7,056 bottles, packed 6 x 750ml

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