



2008 CADARETTA SPRINGBOARD

THE GRAPES

The first 22 acres of our Southwind Estate vineyard in the Walla Walla Valley were planted in the summer of 2007, 2008, and 2010. We will harvest the first crop from our young vineyard this year, 2011. 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.

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 – like a perch - to stand on as they cut.

Our 2008 Springboard is blended from three different vineyard sources:

- The Cabernet (78%) is from the Gamache Vineyard. These grapes come from an area unofficially known as the “White Bluffs.” The Cabernet Franc, 4% of the blend, also came from here.
- The Petit Verdot (10%) comes from the Wahluke Slope’s Stone Tree Vineyard, near Mattawa, at the foot of the Saddle Mountains.
- Alder Ridge Vineyard overlooking the Columbia River west of Patterson provided the Merlot (8% of the blend).

THE WINE

The 2008 Springboard has an almost opaque, deep ruby hue. Expressive and intense, the aromatics tend toward the dark side: black fruits, licorice, and rich earth. Cigar leaf and savory spices mingle over creamy cherry tones. In the mouth, 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: 78% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Petit Verdot, 8% Merlot, 4% Cabernet Franc

GRAPE SOURCES:

- Gamache Vineyard: Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc
- Stone Tree Vineyard: Petit Verdot
- Alder Ridge Vineyard: Merlot

APPELLATION: Columbia Valley

COOPERAGE: 100% French oak, 87% new, aged 21 months

TITRATABLE ACIDITY...pH: 6.2g /L. ...3.66

FINISHED ALCOHOL: 14.9% by volume

BOTTLING DATE: August 18, 2010

RELEASE DATE: November 1, 2011

PRODUCTION: 1,056 bottles, packed 6 x 750ml

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