

WINDTHROW

CADARETTA



2010 CADARETTA WINDTHROW

ABOUT THE WINE

The Middleton Family has been working the land in Washington State for five generations. With Cadaretta the family aims to craft wines that stand among Washington's best. The winery is named for a lumber schooner used by the family company in the first part of the 20th Century. The Middleton estate Southwind Vineyard is located just south of the city of Walla Walla.

The Windthrow blend is made from the top barrels from each vintage. In 2010, we used just four barrels, the very best in our cellar. We can achieve this selection through the painstaking process of individual barrel rackings: that is, the wine in each barrel is kept that same barrel until final blending. The differences and nuances that develop from barrel to barrel over time are significant. With hard work and patience, we are able to pick the most expressive and sumptuously-textured barrels for this reserve blend.

2010 was our latest harvest to date for this wine, picking almost four weeks later than normal. A sixteen day maceration prior to fermentation yielded excellent extraction, and imparted soft and fleshy textures.

Magenta red in color. The aroma is dominated by savory herbs, violets, white lilies, and red fruits. Fresh ground black pepper, marjoram, and oregano notes define the savory herbs, blending with strawberry cream, roasted game and cinnamon on the nose. The wine's texture is luscious and mouth-filling, dense and plush with spicy intrigue. The tannins are ripe and fine-grained. Notes of clove, white pepper, orange rind, and potpourri accent the finish.

VARIETAL COMPOSITION: 53% Syrah, 24% Mourvedre, 23% Grenache

GRAPE SOURCES:

- 53% Stone Tree Vineyard (Syrah, Walla Walla Valley)
- 47% Alder Ridge Vineyard (Mourvedre & Grenache, Horse Heaven Hills)

APPELLATION: Columbia Valley

COOPERAGE: 18 months in small oak barrels (24% new), a combination of French (75%) and Hungarian (25%) oak

TOTAL ACIDITY/pH: 5.9g/L; 3.68

ALCOHOL: 14.6% by volume

BOTTLING DATE: March 8, 2012

RELEASE DATE: May 1, 2013

PRODUCTION: 98 nine-liter cases, bottled unfiltered and unfiltered

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