

2008 Cabernet Franc Rosa Mystica



There are few areas in the world where stand alone Cabernet Franc can be produced, but the cooler hillside vineyards of the Yakima Valley is definitely one of them. Traditionally used in classic Bordeaux blends to add elegant aromatics and dark fruit notes, 100% Cabernet Franc can produce unique and truly remarkable wines.

TASTING NOTES The 2008 Rosa Mystica is deeply aromatic with scents of cranberries, rhubarb, roasted peppers, purple flowers, star anise, cedar, and black soil. Lively red and deep black fruits take center stage, as gentle tannins and lively acid emerge in a beautiful and lingering finish. Drink now through 2015.

VINTAGE 2008 in the Columbia Valley was a bit of a suspense show. The growing season began with a cooler Spring which continued into September. But then, delightfully warm weather arrived in October and it all came together resulting in an excellent year for every varietal. The Summer and Fall were marked by a noticeable lack of rain which contributed to produce especially concentrated flavors in the fruit.

WINEMAKING The fruit for this wine was hand harvested. It was chilled and then destemmed, after which it was fermented with manual punch downs twice daily. The wine was racked once after malolactic fermentation and then aged in French Oak barrels.

BARREL REGIME 14 months 20% new French oak

PRODUCTION
950 cases made

VINEYARDS/AVA
Red Willow Vineyard,
Yakima Valley, WA
Erickson Road
Vineyard, Yakima
Valley, WA

