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2008 Yakima Valley Red



This wine showcases the world-class Merlot and Cabernet-Franc grapes of the Yakima Valley. The fruit is from several small vineyards from the cooler western end of the region, where the long days of sunshine and moderate temperatures in the evening conspire to produce lush aromatic grapes with lovely acidity and low ph. The soils in these high elevation areas are primarily basalt with wind swept loess, some of the best we've found especially for Cabernet Franc, Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon.

TASTING NOTES Supple with balanced soft tanins. The bright berry Merlot and fragrant notes of Cabernet-Franc are wonderfully framed by the structure and acidity of the Cabernet Sauvignon, creating a beautiful mouth filling and deeply aromatic wine. Polished and generous, with a beautifully focused cherry and plum fruit at the core, this is a superlative vintage of this wine. Drink now through 2020.

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 after destemming, it was fermented with manual punch downs twice daily. The wine was racked once after malolactic fermentation and then aged in French Oak barrels.

BLENDING DETAIL

36% Cabernet Sauvignon, 33% Merlot,
31% Cabernet Franc

BARREL REGIME 16 months 34% new French oak

VINEYARDS/AVA

Red Willow Vineyard, Yakima Valley, WA
Elerding Vineyard, Yakima Valley, WA
DuBrul Vineyard, Yakima Valley, WA

PRODUCTION

865 cases made

