COLUMBIA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

THE WINE: The Columbia Valley was Washington's first AVA and it is still the largest. Washington's wine county is blessed with a terroir of abundant sunshine. Sharing the same 46º latitude as Burgundy and Bordeaux, the combination of Washington's warm days, crisp cool evenings and well-draining, sandy soils yield grapes with a perfect ripeness and acidity critical for the crafting of world-class wine. This idyllic terroir allows the region to produce wines that are both fruit forward and structured.

The 2013 vintage is comprised of fruit from several different vineyards, predominately The Benches, Les Collines, Alder Ridge and Heather Hill. The addition of Merlot and Cab Franc contribute to the blend's full body and firm tannins. Black fruits like blackberry and black cherry take center stage in this smooth and balanced wine. After a rich entrance, fruit and earth blend seamlessly through a lingering finish.

THE PROCESS: Fruit for the 2013 Columbia Valley Cabernet Sauvignon was cold soaked, punched down and pumped over. The wine then underwent delestage and an extended maceration process. This Cabernet Sauvignon benefited from 18 months in French and American oak.

THE VINTAGE: 2013 was among the warmest vintages on record for the state. While yields were high, smaller berries with thick skins created wines with dense structure and ample color and flavor. In mid-September, cooler temperatures moved in while the weather stayed dry and grapes were allowed optimum hang time before harvest.

2013 NORTH BY NORTHWEST COLUMBIA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

VARIETAL: 75% Cab Sauv, 21% Merlot, 4% Cab Franc  AVA: Columbia Valley
Alcohol: 14.5%  pH: 3.53  TA (g/L): 6.76
VA (g/100mL): 0.069

WINEMAKER TASTING NOTES

COLOR: rich violet and garnet edges
NOSE: blackberry, black currant, clove, chocolate, toffee, leather, plum, violets, coffee
FLAVORS: blackberry, black cherry, dried tobacco leaves, cinnamon, cigar box, rhubarb pie
WINEMAKER'S QUOTE: “A full and complex entrance sets the tone. Layers of varietal characteristics flow through the mid-palate. The structure and balanced tannins lend to a lingering finish.”

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