



COLUMBIA-CREST
Reserve

2009 STONE TREE VINEYARD RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

GROWING SEASON

- ▶ The growing season was perfect with dry, warm weather and lots of sunshine.
- ▶ Although bloom was delayed slightly by cool spring weather, warm temperatures soon returned and perfect ripening weather lasted through September.
- ▶ A freeze in the Columbia Valley on the night of October 10th led to a slightly early end to the harvest season. However most grapes were already picked or had already reached a good level of maturity.
- ▶ Overall the 2009 vintage produced wines with lots of natural acidity and fruit-forward flavors.

VINEYARDS

- ▶ Stone Tree Vineyard graces the beautiful Wahluke Slope on the hillside. The flat agricultural site allows for viticulture uniformity in plant vigor and ripening while the vine roots tap into the mineral-rich under layer, adding to the grapes' character.
- ▶ Hot summer days, warm evenings complement the gravel and silty loam soils of this low yielding vineyard site.
- ▶ Low rainfall stressed the vines, and irrigation was applied judiciously to create concentrated varietal expression.

VINIFICATION

- ▶ Hand-picked grapes were crushed with 20% whole berries remaining and then fermented in stainless steel tanks.
- ▶ Cold soaking on the skins for two days extracted soft tannins and intense color.
- ▶ Twice-daily pumpovers during fermentation occurred for 6-10 days to aerate the wine and enhance aromatics and bouquet.
- ▶ Lots were blended and placed in 100% new oak barrels (70% French and 30% American) for malolactic fermentation.
- ▶ Aging occurred for 18 months in the barrel.

APPELLATION ▶ WAHLUKE SLOPE

VINEYARDS ▶ STONE TREE VINEYARD, BLOCK 14

HARVEST DATE ▶ SEPTEMBER 19, 2009

BLEND ▶ 91% CABERNET SAUVIGNON, 9% MERLOT

FERMENTATION ▶ 6-10 DAYS ON SKINS

BARREL REGIME ▶ 18 MONTHS IN 70% NEW FRENCH OAK,
30% NEW AMERICAN OAK

ALCOHOL ▶ 14.5%

TOTAL ACIDITY ▶ 0.59G/100ML

PH ▶ 3.63

CASES PRODUCED ▶ 200



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TASTING NOTES

"The Stone Tree Cabernet was sourced from Block 14 in the vineyard; the rich, powerful structure of this wine is an attribute of the Cabernet Sauvignon Clone 8 and the aromas of dust, earth notes are a unique characteristic from the vineyard."

Ray Einberger

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