

TWO VINES

COLUMBIA•CREST

2011 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

GROWING SEASON

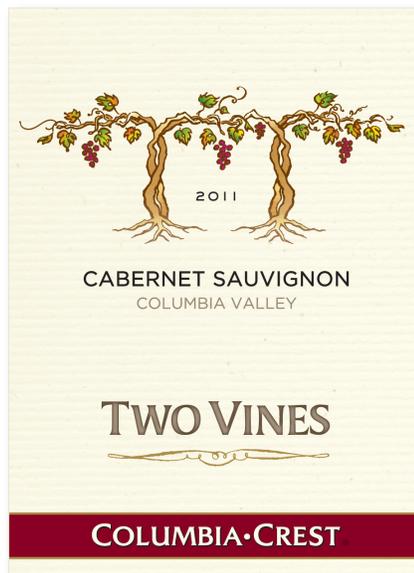
- ▶ A combination of weather conditions lead to one of the more challenging vintages in Washington state's history.
- ▶ A freeze in Nov. 2010 affected sites throughout the Columbia Valley, although many sites were virtually unaffected. Additionally the diversity of Columbia Crest's vineyard sources evens out any vintage to vintage differences
- ▶ Cool temperatures prevailed during the springtime, which delayed bud break and bloom by three to four weeks, depending upon the site. Consistently warm summertime temperatures lengthened the ripening period. Many sites began harvest three weeks later than a typical year.
- ▶ The warm, dry October allowed the grapes to hang a bit longer creating depth without sugar accumulation.
- ▶ Overall the Columbia Crest 2011 reds are delicate with hints of spice in a red berries background.

VINYARDS

- ▶ Vineyards are seated east of the Cascade Mountain range. Up to 14,000 feet high, the mountains effectively block eastward-moving wet weather systems from the Pacific Ocean.
- ▶ Just 6 to 8 inches of rainfall reach the growing region annually. Vineyards are 100% drip irrigated.
- ▶ The soils have low fertility and low water-holding capacity, allowing precise control of vine growth patterns.
- ▶ Vines are planted north to south on south and southeast-facing slopes.

VINIFICATION

- ▶ Grapes were destemmed, crushed, and inoculated to begin fermentation.
- ▶ Twice-daily pumpovers were performed during fermentation to extract color and flavors.
- ▶ To maintain fruity aromas and flavors, the wine underwent Malolactic fermentation in stainless steel.
- ▶ This lightly oaked wine aged up to 10 months in barrels.



APPELLATION	▶ Columbia Valley
HARVEST DATE	▶ October 7, 2011
FERMENTATION	▶ 6 to 10 days on skins.
ALCOHOL	▶ 13.5%
TOTAL ACIDITY	▶ 0.51 g/100mL
PH	▶ 3.83

TASTING NOTES

Aromas of strawberry, cherry and cola lead to a silky, soft palate that culminates into a long velvety finish. This Cabernet Sauvignon is elegant yet approachable and complex.