

COLUMBIA·CREST *Reserve*

2014 RESERVE RED BLEND COYOTE CANYON VINEYARD | HORSE HEAVEN HILLS

GROWING SEASON

- ▶ After warmer than average 2012 and 2013 vintages, 2014 in Eastern Washington was one of the warmest seasons in decades with favorable temperature conditions extending into fall.
- ▶ Overall, 2014 was a pleasant growing season; ripening was excellent for all varieties in all locations.

VINEYARDS

- ▶ Coyote Canyon Vineyard is the source of some of the finest grapes in the state. The varieties used in this blend benefit from the varied topography of the vineyard, which gives each variety different exposure.
- ▶ The Horse Heaven Hills AVA in Eastern Washington is mostly dry with less precipitation due to the rain shadow effect from the surrounding Cascade Mountain range.
- ▶ The terrain consists of south-facing slopes that provide excellent sun exposure for grape ripening, and protection from cold airflow during the winter months.
- ▶ Strong wind patterns in the Horse Heaven Hills reduce canopy size and density and contribute to even ripening by moderating temperature extremes.

VINIFICATION

- ▶ Grapes were harvested, destemmed and crushed with 30% whole berries remaining to retain softer tannins. Primary co-fermentation on the skins lasted between 7-14 days.
- ▶ Lots were placed in 70% once used and 30% new French oak barrels for malolactic fermentation.
- ▶ The wine aged for 18 months in barrel.

APPELLATION ▶ HORSE HEAVEN HILLS

VINEYARDS ▶ COYOTE CANYON VINEYARD

BLEND ▶ 50% SYRAH, 31% GRENACHE,
18% MOURVÈDRE, 1% VIOGNIER

ALCOHOL ▶ 14.5%

TA ▶ 0.59 g/100ML

PH ▶ 3.81

CASES CRAFTED ▶ 601



TASTING NOTES

“This blend weaves together the best of each grape variety to create a lush, opulent layered wine that is soft and broad with nice complexity and acidity. The wine opens with fruitful aromas that give way to mouth-filling flavors of baked red berries and currant with subtle earthy accents. With supple tannins and an expressive finish, this is an extremely food-friendly red wine.”

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