

COLUMBIA·CREST *Reserve*

2008 RESERVE PRIMITIVO WAHLUKE SLOPE

THIS IS THE DEBUT VINTAGE OF RESERVE PRIMITIVO PART OF A SMALL SELECTION OF LIMITED EDITION RESERVE VINEYARD-DESIGNATED WINES FROM COLUMBIA CREST. PRIMITIVO SHARES VIRTUALLY THE SAME DNA AS THE CLASSIC ZINFANDEL GRAPE, AND IS THE PRINCIPLE VARIETY GROWN IN THE SOUTHEASTERN ITALIAN REGION OF PUGLIA.

GROWING SEASON

- ▶ A perfect ripening season with full crop yields and restrained sugar levels led to outstanding wines from Washington state's vineyards in 2008.
- ▶ Harvest began 10 days later than normal due to cool spring weather and a moderate summer.
- ▶ Hot weather in August provided ideal ripening conditions for grapes across all varieties and harvest was quickly ramped up in order to obtain fruit at the optimum ripeness.

VINEYARDS

- ▶ The Wahluke Slope AVA is unique in that it sits on a single landform within the vast Columbia Valley. The flat agricultural site allows for viticulture uniformity in plant vigor and ripening while the vine roots tap into the mineral-rich underlayer, adding to the grapes' character.
- ▶ Sourced primarily from Stone Tree Vineyard, a low yielding site that benefits from hot summer days and warm evenings. The silty-loam soil provides a unique terroir for Primitivo.

VINIFICATION

- ▶ Hand-picked grapes were destemmed and crushed with 30% whole berries remaining held separately for vinification.
- ▶ Grapes were fermented for 6-10 days on skins in open top and stainless steel fermentators.
- ▶ The wine was aged in 30% new French and American oak barrels for 18 months to maintain its special fruit quality.

VINEYARDS ▶ 100% STONE TREE VINEYARD

HARVEST DATE ▶ OCTOBER 6, 2008

BLEND ▶ 100% PRIMITIVO

FERMENTATION ▶ 6-10 DAYS ON SKINS

ALCOHOL ▶ 14.8%

TOTAL ACIDITY ▶ 0.60G/100ML

PH ▶ 3.64

CASES PRODUCED ▶ 200 CASES



TASTING NOTES

"Wonderful aromatics of anise, raspberry and slight white pepper lead to an elegant palate of balanced oak and fruit flavors of blackberry and raspberry cumulating to a soft, yet complex finish."

Ray Einberger

RAY EINBERGER ▶ COLUMBIA CREST ▶ WINEMAKER