



COLUMBIA-CREST
Reserve

2009 RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON WAUTOMA SPRINGS VINEYARD

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

- ▶ Wautoma Springs is a small vineyard nestled in the heart of the Cold Creek district. This low-yielding vineyard is planted exclusively with Cabernet Sauvignon on weak, silty loam, rocky soils.
- ▶ Cabernet Sauvignon has an affinity for the growing season's warm daytime temperatures and cooler evening temperatures. The balance between daytime and nighttime temperatures during the ripening period concentrated aromatics and enhanced complexity.
- ▶ The region's low rainfall stressed the vines, yielding concentrated fruit with depth and varietal expression.

VINIFICATION

- ▶ Hand-picked grapes from block 99 were crushed with 20% whole berries remaining.
- ▶ Cold soaking on the skins for two days extracted soft tannins and intense color.
- ▶ Twice-daily pumpovers during fermentation occurred for six to ten days to aerate the wine and enhance aromatics and bouquet.
- ▶ Lots were blended and placed in a combination of new and once-used French oak barrels for malolactic fermentation.
- ▶ Aging occurred for 18 months in the barrel in 82% new French oak and 18% new American oak barrels.

APPELLATION ▶ COLUMBIA VALLEY

VINEYARDS ▶ WAUTOMA SPRINGS, BLOCK 99

HARVEST DATE ▶ SEPTEMBER 19, 2009

BLEND ▶ 100% CABERNET SAUVIGNON

FERMENTATION ▶ 6-10 DAYS ON SKINS

BARREL REGIME ▶ 18 MONTHS IN 82% NEW FRENCH OAK AND 18% AMERICAN OAK

ALCOHOL ▶ 14.5%

TOTAL ACIDITY ▶ 0.55G/100ML

PH ▶ 3.72

CASES PRODUCED ▶ 200



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TASTING NOTES

"This elegant, complex wine exhibits a dark fruit and plum scented bouquet with a touch of smoke and espresso aromas and flavors that integrate nicely with a silky and an expressive finish"

Ray Einberger

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