



COLUMBIA·CREST
Reserve

2009 RESERVE PRIMITIVO STONE TREE 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

- ▶ 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 vineyard site that benefits from hot summer days, warm evenings, and the silty-loam soil, providing a unique terroir for Primitivo.

VINIFICATION

- ▶ This 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.
- ▶ 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.

APPELLATION ▶ WAHLUKE SLOPE

VINEYARDS ▶ STONE TREE VINEYARD

HARVEST DATE ▶ SEPTEMBER 24, 2009

BLEND ▶ 100% PRIMITIVO

FERMENTATION ▶ 6-10 DAYS ON SKINS

BARREL REGIME ▶ 30% NEW FRENCH & AMERICAN OAK

ALCOHOL ▶ 15.6%

TOTAL ACIDITY ▶ 0.63G/100ML

PH ▶ 3.60

CASES PRODUCED ▶ 200



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TASTING NOTES

"Wonderful aromatics of anise, raspberry and slight white pepper lead to an elegant palate of raspberry and chocolate flavors with subtle hints of spice. Balanced oak and fruit flavors of blackberry and raspberry cumulate to a soft, yet complex finish."

Ray Einberger

RAY EINBERGER ▶ COLUMBIA CREST ▶ WINEMAKER EMERITUS