



2000 COL SOLARE

THE BLEND 86% CABERNET SAUVIGNON | 10% MERLOT
4% SYRAH

VINTAGE The 2000 vintage produced exceptional grapes brimming with flavor and structural complexity. Mild temperature patterns early in the growing season led to an early bud break. Warm, dry and stable conditions continued throughout the summer months with two short episodes of cool, wet weather interrupting the otherwise ideal weather. A cold front in late-September slowed the ripening process, which extended time on the vine. This allowed for the grapes to reach ideal sugar accumulation and to develop intense flavors.

VINIFICATION Grapes were gently crushed, and lots fermented on the skins for an average of eight days. During this time, lots were designated to undergo a twice daily pump-over regime or a twice daily punch-down regime, two methods for infusing the fermenting juice with complexity, tannins and color. Select Cabernet Sauvignon lots from Horse Heaven vineyard, the heart of the 2000 Col Solare wine, underwent extended maceration for two weeks to build body and structure, and to enhance aging. The wine was pressed from the skins into new French and American oak barrels. Barrel to barrel racking occurred during the 22 months aging.

TECHNICAL DATA

APPELLATION: COLUMBIA VALLEY
ALCOHOL: 14.0%
TOTAL ACIDITY: 0.61 GMS/100ML
PH: 3.60
CASE PRODUCTION: 4565



WINEMAKERS' NOTES Highly concentrated raspberry, vanilla bean and Belgian dark chocolate aromatics are threaded with anise, clove and cinnamon. Equally intense flavors of raspberry, black cherry and smoky-toast are complemented by hints of spice. Muscular yet richly supple, this is a wine that rewards with a long, elegantly proportioned finish.

VINTNERS Col Solare is a partnership between two wine producers who are dominant forces in their respective regions. Tuscany's Marchesi Antinori and Washington State's Chateau Ste. Michelle.

When Marchese Piero Antinori journeyed to Washington's Columbia Valley in 1992, he discovered an emerging wine region supported by the ardent leadership of Chateau Ste. Michelle.

Col Solare, Italian for shining hill, unites two unique viticultural and winemaking cultures with a shared goal of producing Washington's best Cabernet Sauvignon-based wine.

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