

SEVEN FALLS

CELLARS

2012

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Seven Falls was inspired by a series of seven waterfalls that once flowed along the Columbia River through what is now known as the Wahluke Slope.

VINTAGE

The 2012 vintage was fairly typical for eastern Washington and a much welcomed change from the cooler 2010 and 2011 vintages. Bud break started a little earlier than normal, but cooler temperatures through the early summer delayed veraison slightly. A warming trend began in late July and dry conditions through mid-October were ideal for fruit ripening.

VINEYARDS

The Wahluke Slope is nestled above the Columbia River in south-central Washington. With one of the warmest and driest climates in Washington state and sandy loam soil in the vineyards, the *terroir* in this historical region is perfect for creating big, bold wines with outstanding structure.

VINIFICATION

- Grapes were sourced from three vineyards in the Wahluke Slope AVA. Grapes were crushed leaving 20% whole-berry to retain fruit freshness.
- Fermentation lasted 6-10 days on the skins to extract optimum fruit and structural components. Various yeasts were used to maintain fruit flavors and complexity.
- Malolactic fermentation occurred in stainless steel tanks and oak barrels. Blending occurred shortly after malolactic fermentation.
- The wine was barrel aged in 50% new and 50% older oak for 18 months. The wine was racked three times during the 18 month barrel aging period.

FOOD PAIRINGS

Bolognese Sauce, Moo Shu Pork, Grilled Flank Steak with Peppercorns

TASTING NOTES

"Ripe black cherry and boysenberry layered with notes of caramel, mocha and black tea. Concentrated, full body with a smooth lasting finish."

Doug Gore

— DOUG GORE, WINEMAKER

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TECHNICAL DATA

APPELLATION
Wahluke Slope

VINEYARDS
Mrachek, Jones, Shaw

BLEND
100% Cabernet Sauvignon

BARREL REGIME
50% New for 18 Months
in 60% French Oak and
40% American Oak

TOTAL ACIDITY
0.57 g/100mL

PH
3.74

ALCOHOL
14.5 %



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