

COLUMBIA-CREST Reserve

2013 WALTER CLORE PRIVATE RESERVE RED WINE

ABOUT THIS WINE

This wine is dedicated to the lifelong work of Washington State's pioneering viticultural researcher who shaped the state's wine industry and is recognized as the "Father of Washington Wine."

GROWING SEASON

- ▶ After a "classic" Washington vintage in 2012, the summer of 2013 was one of the warmest in the past decade with favorable temperature conditions extending into fall.
- ▶ Accelerated ripening due to the warm season was slowed by cooler temperatures and light rain events in September. This aided in hang time development resulting in stellar fruit characters and flavors.

VINEYARDS

- ▶ Vineyard sites are located on the Wahluke Slope (for aromatics and complexity); the Cold Creek area (for flavor and fruitiness), and on the Horse Heaven Hills (which contributes texture and body).
- ▶ The balance between warm daytime temperatures and cooler evenings concentrated aromatics and enhanced complexity.
- ▶ The region's low rainfall yields concentrated fruit with depth and varietal expression.

VINIFICATION

- ▶ Hand-picked grapes from the finest vineyards in the Columbia Valley were crushed and cold-soaked on the skins for two days to extract soft tannins and intense color.
- ▶ Fermentation lasted 6-10 days on the skins and was followed by 4 weeks of malolactic fermentation in barrels. Lots were blended immediately after fermentation to integrate flavors prior to oak-aging.
- ▶ The traditional Bordeaux winemaking protocol included barrel aging in predominately new French oak for 26 months in our "Le Petit Chai"—a cellar honoring the traditional French techniques that are our inspiration.

APPELLATION ▶ COLUMBIA VALLEY

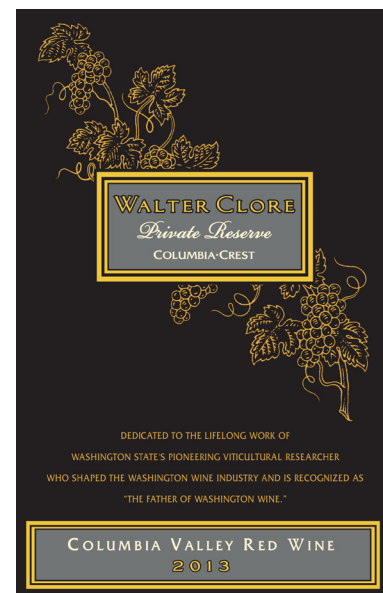
VINEYARDS ▶ FOUR FEATHERS, STONE TREE, WAUTOMA SPRINGS, ANDREWS, BEVERLY

ALCOHOL ▶ 15%

TOTAL ACIDITY ▶ 0.60G/100ML

PH ▶ 3.67

CASES CRAFTED ▶ 4,781



TASTING NOTES

"This classic Bordeaux-style wine opens with intense aromatics of graphite and plums. Balanced flavors of dark fruit and black currant lead to hints of cocoa and tobacco on the palate. The supple tannins lead to a smoky, velvety finish. This wine is powerful, yet elegant."

Juan Muñoz Oca

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