

# COLUMBIA CREST

## GRAND ESTATES

### 2014 RED BLEND

#### GROWING SEASON

- After warmer than average 2012 and 2013 vintages, 2014 in Eastern Washington was one of the warmest seasons in decades with favorable temperature conditions extending into fall.
- Overall, 2014 was a pleasant growing season; ripening was excellent for all varieties in all locations.

#### VINEYARDS

- Fruit was harvested from vineyards located predominantly on the Wahluke Slope and in the Horse Heaven Hills within the Columbia Valley.
- Columbia Valley vineyards are seated in Eastern Washington. This region is mostly dry with less precipitation due to the rain shadow effect from the surrounding Cascade Mountain range.
- Vineyards are 100% drip irrigation. This, combined with the low water-holding capacity of the soil, allow for precise control of the vines.

#### VINIFICATION

- Grapes were fermented separately in stainless steel tanks. After seven days the grapes were pressed and fermentation finished in the tanks.
- Aging occurred for approximately 11 months in nearly 50% older barrels and 50% new barrels, both French and American.



#### TASTING NOTES

"This complex red blend marries together a variety of characteristics and layers that complement each other, including lively flavors of red and black fruit punctuated with layers of spice and caramel on the finish."

JUAN MUÑOZ OCA, WINEMAKER

**VINEYARDS** Columbia Valley

**BLEND** 55% Merlot, 36% Cabernet Franc,  
8% Petit Verdot, 1% Other Red Varieties

**ALCOHOL** 13.5%

**TOTAL ACIDITY** 0.54g/100mL

**PH** 3.69