

# I4 HANDS

.....WINERY

## VINTAGE SERIES

2014

*Red Blend*

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COLUMBIA VALLEY



*14 Hands wines celebrate the spirit of the wild horses that once roamed the hills of eastern Washington. Home to our winery and vineyards, this region holds great significance for 14 Hands. By showcasing the best wine of each vintage, our Vintage Series pays homage to the importance and rich heritage of the Columbia Valley.*

### THE VINTAGE

- 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.

### WINEMAKING

- Over 86% of the fruit was sourced from very warm sites in the heart of the Horse Heaven Hills. The balance came from temperature moderated sites near the Columbia River
- The wine aged for approximately 19 months in 33% new oak barrels, both French and American. Malolactic conversion occurred in barrel.
- Each variety was fermented and aged separately with blending occurring just weeks before bottling.

### RECOMMENDED FOOD PAIRINGS

Rack of Lamb, Marinated Mushrooms, Caprese Salad and Herb Crusted Bison Steak

### TECHNICAL DATA

**BLEND:** 54% Cabernet Franc, 24% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Syrah, 8% Merlot

**APPELLATION:** Columbia Valley

**ALCOHOL:** 15.5%

**TOTAL ACIDITY:** 0.61 g/100 mL

**PH:** 3.78

**CASES CRAFTED:** 150

### TASTING NOTES:

*"This complex red blend explodes with aromas of black cherry preserves and purple plum with mint in the background and a savory top note. Concentrated flavors of dark fruits are joined by velvety tannins that create a plush mouthfeel, while sufficient acidity keeps the wine fresh."*

*- Keith Kenison, Winemaker*