



TECHNICAL DATA

APPELLATION Wahluke Slope

BLEND 90% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Merlot

TOTAL ACIDITY 0.57 g/100 mL

РН 3.77

ALCOHOL 15.0 %

CASES 149

FOOD PAIRINGS

Ribeye, Hamburger, Strongly Flavored Cheeses, Bittersweet Chocolate

2014 GPS CABERNET SAUVIGNON

STONETREE VINEYARD WAHLUKE SLOPE

The Seven Falls single-vineyard wines are carefully selected from only the finest blocks in the Wahluke Slope, with each location bringing exceptional focus and character to the wines. To highlight this unique sense of place, the vineyard block coordinates are included on each of the single-vineyard wines, so everyone has an opportunity to visit the Wahluke Slope from anywhere in the world.

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.

VINEYARDS

- Stone Tree Vineyard graces the Wahluke Slope, one of the warmest and driest climates in Washington State, on the hillside. The flat agricultural site allows for more uniformity in fruit ripening while the vine roots are able to tap into the mineral-rich under layer, adding to the grapes' character.
- Hot summer days and warm evenings complement the gravel and silty loam soils of this low-yielding vineyard site.
- · Irrigation was applied judiciously to create concentrated varietal expression.

VINIFICATION

- · Handpicked grapes were destemmed, sorted and placed into small cement fermenters uncrushed.
- Grapes were fermented on the skins for 7-10 days, with a twice daily pumpover regime to extract color, flavor and tannins.
- When the desired tannin structure was achieved, the wine was drained away from the skins and placed into a combination of new French oak and neutral oak barrels.
- The wine spent 20 months in barrels as it finished primary and secondary fermentation and then aged until bottling.

TASTING NOTES

"This is a nicely layered Cabernet Sauvignon that expresses the typical nuances of Stone Tree Vineyard. Initially it hits you with dark fruit notes of black cherry, blackberry and black currant. It then leads in to secondary characteristics of tea, tobacco and sweet cedar. It is explosive with fruit and caramel on the palate, with powerful tannins that will age gracefully."

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