

COLUMBIA·CREST
Reserve

2015 RESERVE RED BLEND
COYOTE CANYON VINEYARD | HORSE HEAVEN HILLS

GROWING SEASON

- ▶ The 2015 vintage was one of the warmest growing seasons on record in Washington.
- ▶ Warm temperatures continued through the spring and summer, moderating slightly into fall and extending an early harvest.
- ▶ Overall, 2015 saw very favorable growing conditions, producing optimal ripening across varieties and yielding outstanding wines throughout the region

VINEYARDS

- ▶ Coyote Canyon Vineyard is the source of some of the finest grapes in the state. The varieties used in this blend benefit from the varied topography of the vineyard giving each variety different exposure.
- ▶ The Horse Heaven Hills vineyards are located in Eastern Washington. This region is mostly dry with less precipitation due to the rain shadow effect from the surrounding Cascade Mountain range.
- ▶ The terrain consists of south-facing slopes that provide excellent sun exposure for grape ripening, and protection from cold airflow during the winter months.
- ▶ Strong wind patterns in the Horse Heaven Hills reduce canopy size and density and contribute to even ripening by moderating temperature extremes.

VINIFICATION

- ▶ Grapes were harvested, destemmed and crushed with 30% whole berries remaining to retain softer tannins. An optical sorter was used to pick the best berries from the harvested lot based on size and shape.
- ▶ Primary fermentation on the skins lasted between 7-14 days in stainless steel tanks.
- ▶ Lots were kept separate and placed into 75% new French oak barrels. Aging occurred for 20 months, with blending happening just prior to bottling.

APPELLATION ▶ HORSE HEAVEN HILLS

VINEYARDS ▶ COYOTE CANYON VINEYARD

BLEND ▶ 56% SYRAH, 34% MOURVÈDRE,
10% GRENACHE

ALCOHOL ▶ 15.5%

TA ▶ 0.57 g/100ML

PH ▶ 3.78

CASES CRAFTED ▶ 600



TASTING NOTES

"This blend opens with expressive spice aromas that give way to lush, opulent flavors of baked red and black fruit with hints of toasted oak. Complex and layered yet with soft tannins, this wine pairs beautifully with food."

Juan Muñoz Oca

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