

# SEVEN FALLS CELLARS®

## 2015 RAPIDS RED

*Wahluke Slope*

Seven Falls was inspired by a series of seven waterfalls that once flowed along the Columbia River through what is now known as the Wahluke Slope.

### VINTAGE

The 2015 vintage was one of the warmest growing seasons on record in Washington State. 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 Wahluke Slope.

### VINEYARDS

The Wahluke Slope is nestled above the Columbia River in south-central Washington. With one of the warmest and driest climates in Washington State and sandy loam soil in the vineyards, the terroir in this historical region is perfect for creating big, bold wines with outstanding structure.

### VINIFICATION

- Grapes were sourced from select vineyards in the Wahluke Slope AVA.
- Malolactic fermentation occurred in stainless steel tanks and oak barrels. Lots were kept separate through aging with blending occurring shortly before bottling.
- The wine was barrel aged for 13-17 months, primarily in neutral oak to retain fruit, softness, and varietal characteristics. A small portion was aged in new oak, of that 77% French Oak and 23% American Oak.

### TASTING NOTES

“This is a beautiful blend that shows boldness and depth but at the same time restraint and finesse. A mix of both dark fruit and softer red fruit. Hints of dried fruit and anise. This blend is mouth-coating with a spicy, smooth, elegant finish.”

- Doug Gore, Winemaker

### FOOD PAIRINGS:

Pepper steak, lamb, rich stews, and strong cheeses such as blue cheese



### TECHNICAL DATA

APPELLATION: Wahluke Slope  
VINEYARDS: Mrachek, Jones,  
TC Vineyards,  
Mattawa Vineyards  
BLEND: 59% Syrah,  
35% Merlot,  
6% Cinsault  
TA: 0.54 g/100mL  
PH: 3.77  
ALCOHOL: 14.5%

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