

2009 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Wahluke Slope

Tasting Notes

Framed by jammy sweet red fruit from Wahluke Slope Cabernet, the 2009 is rounded out with Cabernet, Merlot and Petit Verdot from Olsen Brothers in the Yakima Valley. A touch of Cabernet from Red Mountain brings structure and length to the mid palate. Drink now through 2016.

Vintage

Harvest began about a week later than normal but easily caught up with great weather lasting in to September. Ideal warm season with lots of sun but not too hot, which helped to retain natural fruit acidity.

Vineyards

50% Wahluke Slope - Milbrandt Vineyards
40% Yakima Valley - Olsen Brothers Vineyards
10% Red Mountain - Kiona Vineyards

Winemaking

Grapes were destemmed and slightly crushed, 20% of the lots were fermented with indigenous yeast. Combination of pumpovers and punchdowns for a period of 8-17 days depending on lots. Aged for 18 months in 70% French oak, 30% new. 85% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7.5% Merlot, 7.5% Petit Verdot.

Technical Data

TA	6.9 g/L
pH	3.72
Alcohol	14.2%
RS	0.2g/L
MA	0.05g/L
Yeast Strain	Indigenous, D254, PC, SIHA10
Cases Produced	1036

