

Iris Vineyards 2012 Red One



Tasting Notes: This blend is a brilliant red color reminiscent of pomegranate fruit. In the glass aromas of strawberry, red currant, fresh cut, ripe, red apple and baking spices are evident. On the palate the wine is medium full bodied with cherry, plum, watermelon and butterscotch. The long, smooth, clean finish is light on the tongue and refreshing.

Growing Season: The 2012 growing season in Oregon began late with below average temperatures and higher than average cloud cover in March causing a delay in soil warming and consequent delay in bud break by about two weeks. This was followed by warmer than average weather in April and May leading to increased vigor prior to flowering. A very cloudy June slowed the vines again and probably contributed to reduced crop loads for the year. With July came warm, dry weather and cloudless skies. That weather lasted into October allowing the vines to make up for lost time. Grape harvest began at a historically average date. Due to the naturally reduced yields and virtually idyllic weather from July on fruit quality was extremely high.

Cooperage: 80% French Oak, 20% American Oak (4 year old barrels), 15% new oak (all French) – 18 months in cooperage

Final Analysis: 14.3% alcohol; TA 6.0g/L; pH 3.87

Vineyard Source: Rogue Valley Syrah blended with select wines from other Oregon vineyards



Iris produces world-class, award winning wines from grapes grown at our Chalice Vineyard. The cool climate in the foothills of the Oregon Coast Range allows the grapes to mature slowly while maintaining the proper acid balance that is essential for producing the finest Pinot Noir, Pinot Gris and Chardonnay

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