

:NOTA BENE CELLARS

Fine Red Wines from Washington State

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2010 Vintage Release...proudly presenting wines by :Nota Bene Cellars,

2010 ABBINARE : COLUMBIA VALLEY.....\$25

The linking of vineyards and varieties from around the state is captured in our blend called Abbinare...Italian for "link together". This is a Merlot heavy Bordeaux style blend that is capturing a growing number of wine lovers with its old world character. Right bank charm is dominated by Ariances Vineyard Merlot grown with care by vineyard owner Bruce Zunker followed by a touch of Ciel. A major Cab contribution by Tedd Wildman at Stone Tree Vineyard and Cab Franc grown with care by Pat Dineen. All sources have come together to show a fine wine from Washington State. Bottled on 7/21/12; 225cases were produced; Alcohol: 14.8 %, pH 3.56, TA 6.34 g/L.

45% Merlot (34% Ariances Vineyard, 11% Ciel du Cheval Vineyard)
33% Cabernet Sauvignon (Stone Tree Vineyard)
22% Cabernet Franc (DineenVineyard)

Barrels: This wine was aged for 22 months in seasoned French oak by Tonnellerie Vernou, Saury, Alain Fouquet, and Vicard with French oak infusion additions by Canton Cooperage.

2010 CABERNET SAUVIGNON: DINEEN VINEYARD : YAKIMA VALLEY.....\$40

Our first Yakima Valley Cabernet on its own from Dineen Vineyard has structure and acidity like that of an old world wine giving it extended length in the cellar. Grapes for this wine were raised in Catherine's Block by owner Patrick Dineen and Vineyard Manager Patrick Rawn. The cool location brings out the rich dark berry notes you expect in a Cabernet coupled with well structured tannins that finish with hints of chocolate and spice. Violets emerge with decanting and time spent in air. Special thanks to the Two Pats!
Bottled on 7/21/12; 150 cases produced; Alcohol: 14.92%, pH 3.45, TA 6.56 g/L.

100% Cabernet Sauvignon (DineenVineyard)

Barrels: This wine was aged for 22 months in 17% new French oak from Tonnellerie Doreau, 32% once used French oak from Tonnellerie Vernou, seasoned oak from Saury and Vicard in conjunction with French oak infusion additions by Canton Cooperage.

2010 CONNER LEE VINEYARD : COLUMBIA VALLEY.....\$35

We are very happy to be sourcing such wonderful fruit from this classic Washington State vineyard. Contributing to some of the state's finest Bordeaux blends for many years, we are showing this vineyard on its own so you can experience the terroir. Located on Radar Hill near Othello, its cool location and significant elevation produce big dark berry flavors wrapped in a host of subtle contributing tastes like chocolate and coffee, rich and deep...they linger enjoyably. Bottled on 7/21/12; Only 100 cases were produced; Alcohol: 15.09%, pH 3.66, TA 5.96 g/L.

75% Cabernet Sauvignon (Conner Lee Vineyard)
25% Merlot (Conner Lee Vineyard)

Barrels: This wine was aged for 22 months in 25% new French oak from Tonnellerie Vernou, once used French oak from Tonnellerie de Jarnac and Vernou, and seasoned French oak from Vicard.

2010 MALBEC – VERHEY VINEYARD : YAKIMA VALLEY.....\$25

This gem of a vineyard is devoted to producing exceptional Malbec in the Yakima Valley. Located in Union Gap with southwest facing slopes, it's still a late October harvest location that yields intense color and flavors. The bouquet assimilated with the first sip immediately reveals the varietal. Concentrated dark berries with essence of blueberry abound with herbal notes of eucalyptus and rosemary making this a wonderful food wine. We think it's made for a savory lamb shank or venison...or even Carol's pot roast layered with garlic. Bottled on 7/21/12; Only 62 cases were produced; Alcohol: 15.1%, pH 3.66, TA 6.15 g/L.

100% Malbec (Verhey Vineyard)

Barrels: This wine was aged for 22 months in seasoned French oak by Alain Fouquet and Tonnellerie Vernou with French oak infusion additions by Canton Cooperage.

2010 MISCELA : COLUMBIA VALLEY.....\$25

True to the spirit of this wine...Miscela is Italian for "blend" ...we see how grapes from many different vineyards can come together to make a satisfying Bordeaux style blend. A counterpoint to our Abbinare blend we've created a Cabernet heavy blend with the majority component sourced from Champoux Vineyard in the Horse Heaven Hills. We followed this with a generous helping of Merlot from Conner Lee Vineyard, Cab Franc from Dineen Vineyard, and a touch of Stone Tree. We call it Washington State in a glass... Bottled on 7/21/12; 150 cases were produced; Alcohol: 14.72%, pH 3.52, TA 6.41g/L

46% Cabernet Sauvignon
(42% Champoux Vineyard, 4% Stone Tree Vineyard)
33% Merlot (Conner Lee Vineyard)
17% Cabernet Franc (Dineen Vineyard)
4% Syrah (Stone Tree Vineyard)

Barrels: This wine was aged for 22 months in 33% new French oak by Tonnellerie Doreau and de Jarnac, 17% once used French oak from Tonnellerie de Jarnac, and seasoned oak from Vicard in conjunction with French oak infusion additions by Canton Cooperage.

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2010 SYRAH – CIEL DU CHEVAL VINEYARD: RED MOUNTAIN.....\$40

We've come to expect rich dark fruit in our Syrah from Ciel du Cheval Vineyard...and maybe just a few savory notes to keep us guessing. We are showing the Tablas Creek clone of Syrah originally sourced from Chateau de Beaucastel of Châteauneuf-du-Pape by the Perrin family. The clones were propagated in the Tablas Creek Vineyard of California and on to Ciel du Cheval where they are making a wonderfully deep rich wine with significant chaulky tannins common to Red Mountain and valued when properly cellared over time. Bottled on 7/21/12; 50 cases were produced; Alcohol: 14.79% pH 3.55, TA 6.64 g/L

100% Syrah (Ciel du Cheval Vineyard)

Barrels: This wine was aged for 22 months in 50% new American oak from Canton Cooperage and the balance seasoned French oak from Saury in conjunction with French oak infusion additions by Canton Cooperage.

2010 SYRAH : COLUMBIA VALLEY.....\$25

We built this Syrah blend around the magnificent wine from Stone Tree Vineyard on the Wahluke Slope just east of Mattawa. The dark purple color hints at the deep rich fruit to follow. We rounded out the depth with wine from Ariances also from the Wahluke, Les Vignes de Marcoux in the Yakima Valley and Stillwater Creek Vineyard in the Frenchman Hills near Royal City. These diverse locations add their own character to the blend, but it's Syrah with dark fruit, spices, and savory edges that linger on the palate. Bottled on 7/21/12; 125 cases were produced; Alcohol: 14.82%, pH 3.62, TA 6.34 g/L

100% Syrah
(40% Stone Tree Vineyard, 20% Ariances Vineyard, 20% Les Vignes de Marcoux 20% Stillwater Creek Vineyard,)

Barrels: This wine was aged for 22 months in 45% new American oak from Canton Cooperage and A&K Cooperage, 5% new French oak from Tonnellerie de Jarnac, and the balance seasoned oak from Saury, Radoux, de Jarnac, and Vernou in conjunction with French oak infusion additions by Canton Cooperage.

2010 SYRAH – LVDM VINEYARD: YAKIMA VALLEY.....\$30

This is the first year of :NB paired with Les Vignes de Marcoux vineyard near Wapato. A neighbor to Red Willow Vineyard it is also owned and operated by Mike Saur and his family who have grown innumerable wonderful wines in the past. Their care and experience shows thru in the beauty of this wine in the glass. Classically dark purple its warm location in a cool year shows dark fruit layered with savory notes and good structure for length in the cellar. Bottled on 7/21/12; 75 cases were produced; Alcohol: 14.87%, pH 3.70, TA 6.45 g/L

100% Syrah (Les Vignes de Marcoux Vineyard)

Barrels: This wine was aged for 22 months in 20% new A&K Cooperage American oak, seasoned oak by Tonnellerie de Jarnac and Vernou, and the balance seasoned oak from Ton. Vernou in conjunction with French oak infusion additions by Canton Cooperage.

2010 SYRAH – STILLWATER CREEK: COLUMBIA VALLEY.....\$40

This Syrah is sourced from Stillwater Creek Vineyard in the Frenchman Hills near Royal City, and the first time we've shown it on its own as a vineyard designated wine. This cool location and vintage produced a Syrah that is deep and rich. Dark fruits are forward with more pepper than most, savory spices, and earthiness covered with dark chocolate at the end. Soft acid levels let this wine please you on its own or with your favorite umami dominant foods, grilled or roasted. Bottled on 7/21/12; 84 cases were produced; Alcohol: 15.51%, pH 3.68, TA 6.38 g/L

100% Syrah (Stillwater Creek Vineyard)

Barrels: This wine was aged for 22 months in 25% new French oak from Tonnellerie de Jarnac, 25% once used de Jarnac, and the balance seasoned Radoux in conjunction with French oak infusion additions by Canton Cooperage.

2010 UNA NOTTE : COLUMBIA VALLEY\$30

One night...we were listening to Pink Martini and having a wonderful time sipping another Southern Rhône blend from our cellar when we knew just the right balance of Grenache and Syrah was in our future. Probably our most fruit forward wine of the vintage with strawberry and raspberry up front in the bouquet, soft, but with enough structure to give this wine length in a proper cellar. Here it is for you to enjoy too...and spinning a disk of Pink Martini is a must. Bottled on 7/21/12; 107 cases were produced; Alcohol: 14.74%, pH 3.63, TA 5.55 g/L

59% Grenache (Stone Tree Vineyard)
41% Syrah (23% Les Vignes de Marcoux, 18% Stillwater Creek Vineyard)

Barrels: This wine was aged for 22 months in 59% stainless barrels by Mueller (the Grenache), 20% new French oak by Tonnellerie Vernou and de Jarnac, and the balance seasoned Radoux, de Jarnac, and Vernou in conjunction with French oak infusion additions by Canton Cooperage. The stainless and oak barrels were married on bottling day.