

:NOTA BENE CELLARS

Fine Red Wines from Washington State

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2012 Vintage Release - proudly presenting wines by :Nota Bene Cellars

2012 ARIANSES VINEYARD : WAHLUKE SLOPE

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This is the debut of a new field blend from Arianses Vineyard near Desert Air along the Columbia River just south of Mattawa. Special thanks to vineyard owner Bruce Zinser for his care and vision in growing this wine and offering us this field blend. Cab is dominant, but all varietals offer significant sensory components. The cellar "secrets" contributing to the blend are multi yeast fermentations, bâtonage, and early integration thru blending. We hope you enjoy the fruits of our labor.

Bottled on 7/27/14; 125 cases were produced; Alcohol: 13.98%; pH 3.68, TA 6.1 g/L.

50% Cabernet Sauvignon (Arianses Vineyard)
20% Merlot (Arianses Vineyard)
18% Cabernet Franc (Arianses Vineyard)
12% Petit Verdot (Arianses Vineyard)

Barrels: This wine was aged for 22 months in Export style barrels of 20% new French oak from Artisan Barrel Selection, and seasoned French oak from Alain Fouquet, Ton. de Jarnac, Vernou, and Saury.

2012 CABERNET SAUVIGNON - DINEEN VINEYARD : YAKIMA VALLEY.....\$35

This charming location near Zillah is quickly becoming our showcase vineyard of the Yakima Valley. 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. Bottled alone, it offers one a chance to explore the terroir of this site. Special thanks to the Two Pats!

Bottled on 7/27/14; 100 cases produced; Alcohol: 13.95%; pH 3.56, TA 5.95 g/L.

100% Cabernet Sauvignon (Dineen Vineyard)

Barrels: This wine was aged for 22 months in Export style barrels of 25% new French oak from Tonnellerie de Jarnac and the balance once used American oak from Canton and seasoned French oak from Vicard.

2012 CABERNET SAUVIGNON – HEART OF THE HILL VINEYARD : RED MOUNTAIN.....\$40

We first sourced this wine as a component of our 2011 Miscela, and that was the plan for our 2012 vintage too, but this wine was just too delicious on its own in barrel tastings to blend away the terroir. We think you'll like the extreme character of this upper Red Mountain location. So much dark berry fruit that we must thank vineyard owner Scott Williams for his forethought in planting and raising such lovely wine. Enjoy! Bottled on 7/27/14; Only 50 cases were produced; Alcohol: 15.32%; pH 3.55, TA 5.62 g/L.

100% Cabernet Sauvignon (Heart of the Hill Vineyard)

Barrels: This wine was aged for 22 months in Export style barrels of 50% new French oak by Tonnellerie de Jarnac and season French oak also by de Jarnac.

2012 CABERNET FRANC – YAKIMA VALLEY

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Cabernet Franc on its own alone, but not lonely, because this wine has so many friends. Two wonderful vineyards are paired in this wine to express the character of the varietal, sometimes savory and herbal in the finish, but full flavored and complex with concentrated dark berry fruit. Ciel du Cheval Vineyard is positioned on Red Mountain at the eastern end of the Yakima Valley, and Dineen Vineyard at the far west end of the valley. Both vineyards excel at winegrowing with differences in terroir highlighting Dineen for fruit forward complexity and Ciel du Cheval for rich tannins and length of finish. Enjoy!

Bottled on 7/27/14; 100 cases produced; Alcohol: 14.03%; pH 3.52, TA 5.84 g/L.

100% Cabernet Sauvignon (75% Dineen Vineyard, 25% Ciel du Cheval Vineyard)

Barrels: This wine was aged for 22 months in Export style barrels of seasoned French oak from Tonnellerie de Jarnac, Vernou, and Vicard.

2012 CIEL DU CHEVAL VINEYARD : RED MOUNTAIN.....\$40

Ciel du Cheval Vineyard is one of the premier vineyards in Washington State. Located in the AVA of Red Mountain, it is blessed with warm days and cool nights that ensure mature ripe flavors will dominate. For this vintage we are continuing our trend toward Cabernet dominant blends of earlier years. The richness of the dark berry flavors that marry with the bold structure of tannin is typical of Ciel and Red Mountain. 57% new French oak contributes subtle caramel and vanilla components and assists in structuring the wine for considerable age in the cellar. We thank Jim Holmes and Ryan Johnson for their fine fruit during a wonderful vintage. Bottled on 7/27/14; 175 cases were produced; Alcohol: 14.72%; pH 3.56, TA 5.84 g/L.

50% Cabernet Sauvignon (Ciel du Cheval Vineyard)
36% Merlot (Ciel du Cheval Vineyard)
14% Cabernet Franc (Ciel du Cheval Vineyard)

Barrels: This wine was aged for 22 months Export style barrels of 66% new French oak from Alain Fouquet and Tonnellerie Vernou and the balance seasoned French oak from Ton. de Jarnac and Vernou.

2012 MERLOT – CIEL DU CHEVAL VINEYARD : RED MOUNTAIN\$35

Ciel du Cheval Vineyard is one of the premier vineyards in Washington State. Located in the AVA of Red Mountain it is blessed with warm days and cool nights that ensure mature ripe flavors will dominate. We expect luxurious wines with firm structure from Ciel Du Cheval and this Merlot is no exception. The richness of dark berry flavors marry and stream through a complex finish that lingers. We thank Jim Holmes and Ryan Johnson for their fine fruit during a wonderful vintage that can spend considerable time in a proper cellar. Enjoy!

Bottled on 7/27/14; 50 cases were produced; Alcohol: 14.71%; pH 3.63, TA 5.63 g/L.

100% Merlot (Ciel du Cheval Vineyard)

Barrels: This wine was aged for 22 months in Export style barrels of 50% new French oak from Tonnellerie Vernou and the balance seasoned French oak from Ton. Vernou.

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**2012 MALBEC – HEART OF THE HILL VINEYARD :
RED MOUNTAIN.....\$30**

This is our first bottling of Malbec from this vineyard and we think you'll see a bright future in this varietal. Soft and supple tannins wrap a foreground of deep dark blackberry and blueberry flavors to let you know you are experiencing a Malbec with a pedigree like Heart of the Hill Vineyard on Red Mountain. Washington State is growing some wonderful Malbec and most surely will continue to expand acreage. We thank grower Scott Williams for his vision and skill. Enjoy! Bottled on 7/27/14; Only 50 cases were produced; Alcohol: 14.78%; pH 3.58, TA 5.91 g/L.

100% Malbec (Heart of the Hill Vineyard)

Barrels: This wine was aged for 22 months in Export style barrels of 50% new French oak by Tonnellerie Doreau and 50% once used French oak by Doreau.

2012 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. This Cabernet heavy blend was sourced from five different vineyards in Eastern Washington with the majority component sourced from Stone Tree Vineyard on the Wahluke Slope. We followed this with a generous helping of Merlot from Arianses Vineyard near Mattawa, Malbec from Red Mountain, and Cab Franc from each end of the Yakima Valley; Contributions from these diverse Vineyards compel us to call this wine "Washington State in a glass". Bottled on 7/27/14; 137 cases were produced; Alcohol: 14.97%; pH 3.60, TA 5.99g/L

55% Cabernet Sauvignon (Stone Tree Vineyard)
24% Merlot (Arianses Vineyard)
12% Malbec (Heart of the Hill Vineyard)
9% Cabernet Franc
(7% Dineen Vineyard, 2% Ciel du Cheval Vineyard)

Barrels: This wine was aged for 22 months in Export style barrels of seasoned French oak by Tonnellerie Vernou, Doreau, de Jarnac, and Vicard.

**2012 MOURVÈDRE – HEART OF THE HILL VINEYARD:
RED MOUNTAIN.....\$30**

The sense of place we get when making wine in a small way is so very important in understanding this wine. The grapes were sourced from Heart of the Hill vineyard on Red Mountain, a fairly new project for owner/grower Scott Williams. We thank him for the wisdom of his toil and see the results in our Mourvèdre that benefits from warm days on Red Mtn. It's lush with fruit and spice followed by savory notes typical of this varietal. We hope you love it!

Bottled on 7/26/14; Only 43 cases were produced; Alcohol: 15.8%; pH 3.68, TA 6.1 g/L

100% Mourvèdre (Heart of the Hill Vineyard)

Barrels: This wine was aged for 22 months in a once used American oak barrel by A&K Cooperage and a seasoned American oak barrel by Saury.

**2012 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 chalky tannins common to Red Mtn and valued when properly cellared over time.

Bottled on 7/26/14; 75 cases were produced; Alcohol: 13.99%; pH 3.56, TA 6.32 g/L

100% Syrah (Ciel du Cheval Vineyard)

Barrels: This wine was aged for 22 months Export style barrels of American oak, 1/3 new from A&K, 1/3 once used from Canton Cooperage, and 1/3 seasoned from Saury.

2012 SYRAH : COLUMBIA VALLEY.....\$25

We crafted this Syrah blend around the magnificent wine from Stone Tree Vineyard on the Wahluke Slope just east of Mattawa, owned and tended by Tedd Wildman. The dark purple color hints at the deep rich fruit to follow. We added depth to the blend with Syrah from Arianses Vineyard and Mourvèdre from Heart of the Hill Vineyard on Red Mtn. 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 7/26/14; 162 cases were produced; Alcohol: 14.44%; pH 3.73, TA 6.1 g/L

77% Syrah
(46% Stone Tree Vineyard, 31% Arianses Vineyard)
15% Mourvèdre (Heart of the Hill Vineyard)
8% Grenache (Stone Tree Vineyard)

Barrels: This wine was aged for 22 months in Export style barrels of 17% new American oak from A&K, and the balance seasoned French oak from Tonnellerie Vernou, and Doreau. The Grenache was raised in stainless and blended at bottling.

2012 UNA NOTTE : COLUMBIA VALLEY\$30

How many times do you need to taste a wonderful wine before you know you want to make one just like it? One night...was all it took for us to know we wanted to make a Southern Rhône style blend such as this. 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. Special thanks to Tedd Wildman from Stone Tree Vineyard for the major components of this blend and a significant positive contribution of Mourvèdre from Scott Williams of Heart of the Hill Vineyard. Bottled on 7/26/14; 87 cases were produced; Alcohol: 15.27%; pH 3.77, TA 5.25 g/L

73% Grenache (Stone Tree Vineyard)
17% Syrah (10% Stone Tree Vineyard, 7% Arianses Vineyard)
10% Mourvèdre (Heart of the Hill Vineyard)

Barrels: This wine was aged for 22 months in 73% stainless barrels by Mueller (the Grenache). The Syrah was raised in 17% new American oak by A&K and the balance seasoned French oak by Vernou and Doreau. The Mourvèdre was raised in seasoned American oak by A&K and Saury.