

:NOTA BENE CELLARS

Fine Red Wines from Washington State

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2013 Vintage Release - proudly presenting red wines by :Nota Bene Cellars

2013 ARIANSES VINEYARD : WAHLUKE SLOPE.....\$30

This is vintage two from Arianses Vineyard near Desert Air along the Columbia River just south of Mattawa. Special thanks to vineyard owner Bruce Zunsler for his care and vision in growing the components to offer us this Bordeaux style blend. Cab is dominant, but all varietals offer significant sensory components. The cellar "secrets" contributing to the blend are multi-yeast fermentations, bâtonnage, and early integration thru blending. We think you'll enjoy the fruits of our labor.
Bottled 7/25/15; 150 cases produced; Alcohol: 14.19%;
pH 3.85, TA 6.0 g/L.

34% Cabernet Sauvignon (Arianses Vineyard)
33% Merlot (Arianses Vineyard)
17% Cabernet Franc (Arianses Vineyard)
16% Petit Verdot (Arianses Vineyard)

Barrels: This wine was aged for 22 months in Export style barrels of 33% new French oak from Ton. Vernou and Doreau, and seasoned French oak from Alain Fouquet, Demptos, and Saury.

2013 CABERNET SAUVIGNON – HEART OF THE HILL VINEYARD : RED MOUNTAIN.....\$40

We first sourced this wine as a component of our 2011 Miscela, which was the plan for the following vintages, but this wine has been 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 many dark berry fruit flavors that we must thank vineyard owner Scott Williams for his forethought in planting and raising such lovely wine. Enjoy! Bottled 7/26/15; 50 cases produced; Alcohol: 14.35%; pH 3.57, TA 6.26 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 AB Selections and the balance seasoned French oak by Tonnellerie de Jarnac.

2013 CABERNET FRANC : YAKIMA VALLEY\$25

Cabernet Franc on its own, alone, but not lonely, because this wine has so many friends. Two wonderful vineyards express the varietal's character, 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 7/26/15; 75 cases produced; Alcohol: 14.43%; pH 3.69, TA 6.04 g/L.

100% Cabernet Franc (66% Dineen Vineyard, 34% Ciel du Cheval Vineyard)

Barrels: This wine was aged for 22 months in Export style barrels of seasoned French oak from Saury.

2013 CIEL DU CHEVAL VINEYARD : RED MOUNTAIN.....\$40

Ciel du Cheval Vineyard is a premier vineyard in Washington State. Located in the Red Mountain AVA, it is blessed with warm days and cool nights that ensure dominant, mature, ripe flavors. This vintage continues our trend toward Cabernet-dominant blends of earlier years. The rich, dark berry flavors that marry with the bold tannin structure typical of Ciel and Red Mountain. 33% new French oak contributes subtle caramel and vanilla components and assists in structuring the wine for considerable age in the cellar. We thank vineyard owner Jim Holmes for his fine fruit during a wonderful vintage.

Bottled 7/26/15; 150 cases produced; Alcohol: 14.48%;
pH 3.71, TA 5.96 g/L.

54% Cabernet Sauvignon (Ciel du Cheval Vineyard)
31% Merlot (Ciel du Cheval Vineyard)
15% Cabernet Franc (Ciel du Cheval Vineyard)

Barrels: This wine was aged for 22 months Export style barrels of 33% new French oak from Alain Fouquet and the balance seasoned French oak from Alain Fouquet, Ton. Vernou, and Saury.

2013 MERLOT – CIEL DU CHEVAL VINEYARD : RED MOUNTAIN\$35

Ciel du Cheval Vineyard is a premier vineyard in Washington State. Located in the Red Mountain AVA, it is blessed with warm days and cool nights that ensure dominant, mature, ripe flavors. We expect luxurious wines with firm structure from Ciel du Cheval, and this Merlot is no exception. The rich, dark berry flavors marry and stream through a complex finish that lingers. We thank vineyard owner Jim Holmes for his fine fruit during a wonderful vintage that can spend considerable time in a proper cellar. Enjoy! Bottled 7/26/15; 50 cases produced; Alcohol: 14.27%; pH 3.75, TA 5.59 g/L.

100% Merlot (Ciel du Cheval Vineyard)

Barrels: This wine was aged for 22 months in Export style barrels of 50% once used American oak from Saury and the balance seasoned French oak from Alain Fouquet.

2013 MALBEC – HEART OF THE HILL VINEYARD : RED MOUNTAIN.....\$30

This is our second Malbec bottling 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 7/26/15; 52 cases produced; Alcohol: 15.18%; pH 3.70, TA 6.15g/L.

100% Malbec (Heart of the Hill Vineyard)

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

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2013 MISCELA : COLUMBIA VALLEY.....\$25

True to the spirit of this wine...Miscela is Italian for "blend"...we see how grapes from different vineyards create a satisfying Bordeaux style wine. This Cabernet-heavy blend was sourced from five different vineyards in Eastern Washington with the majority of components sourced from Dineen Vineyard on the east end of the Yakima Valley. We followed this with a generous helping of Cab from Stone Tree Vineyard near Mattawa, and Merlot from Red Mountain, and the Wahluke Slope. Contributions from these diverse vineyards compel us to call this wine "Washington State in a glass". Bottled 7/26/15; 156 cases produced; Alcohol: 14.18%; pH 3.73, TA 6.04 g/L

68% Cabernet Sauvignon (38% Dineen Vineyard, 29% Stone Tree Vineyard, 1% Heart of the Hill Vineyard)
16% Cabernet Franc (Dineen Vineyard)
13% Merlot (7% Ciel du Cheval Vineyard, 6% Arianses Vineyard)
3% Malbec (Heart of the Hill Vineyard)

Barrels: This wine was aged for 22 months in Export style barrels of seasoned French oak by A&K, Ton. Vernou, de Jarnac, Orion, and Saury.

2013 SYRAH : COLUMBIA VALLEY.....\$25

We crafted this Syrah blend around the magnificent fruit from Arianses Vineyard and Stone Tree Vineyard on the Wahluke Slope just east of Mattawa, owned and tended by Bruce Zunser and Tedd Wildman respectively. The dark purple color hints at the deep, rich fruit to follow. Mourvèdre provides depth from Heart of the Hill Vineyard on Red Mountain and Grenache from Stone Tree. These diverse locations add character to the blend, but it's Syrah with dark fruit, spices, and savory edges that linger on the palate.

Bottled 7/25/15; 106 cases produced; Alcohol: 15.05%; pH 3.74, TA 6.3 g/L
75% Syrah
(43% Arianses Vineyard, 29% Stone Tree Vineyard, 3% Ciel du Cheval Vineyard)
17% Mourvèdre (Heart of the Hill Vineyard)
8% Grenache (Stone Tree Vineyard)

Barrels: This wine was aged for 22 months in Export style barrels of 75% new American oak from A&K and Canton Cooperage, and the balance seasoned French oak from Tonnellerie Vernou, Ton. Orion, and Saury. The Grenache was raised in stainless and blended at bottling.

2013 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. Floral notes from a touch of co-fermented Viognier to confuse your senses.

Bottled 7/25/15; 50 cases produced; Alcohol: 14.73%;
pH 3.69, TA 6.15 g/L

95% Syrah (Ciel du Cheval Vineyard)
5% Viognier (Marcela Vineyard)

Barrels: This wine was aged for 22 months Export style barrels, ½ new American oak from A&K, ½ seasoned French oak from Ton. Vernou.

2013 MOURVÈDRE – HEART OF THE HILL VINEYARD: RED MOUNTAIN.....\$30

The sense of place when making wine in small lots is 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, often supported with a dash of pepper. We hope you love it!
Bottled 7/25/15; 50 cases produced; Alcohol: 14.72%; pH 3.72, TA 5.78 g/L

100% Mourvèdre (Heart of the Hill Vineyard)

Barrels: This wine was aged for 22 months in French Export style oak barrels, once used by Ton. Orion and seasoned oak by Ton. Vernou.

2013 SYRAH – STONE TREE VINEYARD: WAHLUKE SLOPE.....\$35

This Syrah is sourced from Stone Tree Vineyard on the Wahluke Slope near Mattawa at the end of O Road. This is the second time we've shown it as a vineyard-designated wine, but now with a touch of Viognier from Zillah. This warm location produced a full-bodied Syrah that is deep and rich with a traditional style. Dark fruits are forward with savory spices, roasted nuts, and earthiness covered with dark chocolate at the end. Moderate acid levels let this wine please you on its own or with your favorite umami dominant foods, grilled or roasted. Special thanks to Tedd Wildman for growing this wonderful Syrah.
Bottled 7/25/15; 69 cases produced; Alcohol: 15.17%; pH 3.79, TA 6.34 g/L

95% Syrah (Stone Tree Vineyard)
5% Viognier (Marcela Vineyard)

Barrels: This wine was aged for 22 months in Export style barrels, 50% new American oak from Canton Cooperage and the balance seasoned French oak from Saury and Ton. Vernou.

2013 UNA NOTTE : COLUMBIA VALLEY\$30

How many times must you taste a wonderful wine before wanting 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 7/25/15; 89 cases produced; Alcohol: 14.71%; pH 3.75, TA 5.33 g/L

73% Grenache (Stone Tree Vineyard)
16% Syrah (9% Arianses Vineyard, 6% Stone Tree Vineyard, 1% Ciel du Cheval Vineyard)
11% Mourvèdre (Heart of the Hill Vineyard)

Barrels: This wine was aged for 22 months in 66% stainless barrels by Mueller (the Grenache). The Syrah was raised in 50% new American oak by A&K and the balance seasoned American by A&K. The Mourvèdre was raised in seasoned French oak by Ton. Vernou and Ton. Orion.