

:NOTA BENE CELLARS

Fine Red Wines from Washington State

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2014 Vintage - proudly presenting red wines by :Nota Bene

2014 ARIANSES VINEYARD : WAHLUKE SLOPE.....\$30

We proudly present another interesting vintage from Ariances Vineyard near Desert Air along the Columbia River just south of Mattawa. Special thanks to vineyard owner Bruce Zunker 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 complexity and fruit forward nature of this wine are achieved with multi-yeast fermentations, bâtonage, and early integration through blending. We think you'll enjoy the fruits of our labor. Bottled 7/23/16; 100 cases produced; Alcohol: 14.59%; pH 3.76, TA 6.41 g/L.

41% Cabernet Sauvignon (Ariances Vineyard)
29% Merlot (Ariances Vineyard)
20% Petit Verdot (Ariances Vineyard)
10% Cabernet Franc (Ariances Vineyard)

Barrels: This wine was aged 22 months in Export-style barrels of 43% new French oak from Ton. Vernou, 14% once used oak from Alain Fouquet, and the balance seasoned barrels from Ton. de Jarnac.

2014 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 7/23/16; 50 cases produced; Alcohol: 14.53%; pH 3.54, TA 6.23 g/L.

100% Cabernet Sauvignon (Heart of the Hill Vineyard)

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

2014 CABERNET FRANC – DINEEN VINEYARD : YAKIMA VALLEY.....\$25

Cabernet Franc on its own, alone, but not lonely, because this wine has so many friends. We have worked with the fruit from Dineen Vineyard for many years and have come to appreciate the varietal; sometimes savory and herbal finish, but full flavored and complex with concentrated dark berry fruit. Dineen Vineyard is located at the far west end of the Yakima Valley where the climate is relatively cool. We see rich tannins and length of finish in our wines, which leads us back to the vineyard year after year. Enjoy! Bottled 7/23/16; 75 cases produced; Alcohol: 14.69%; pH 3.65, TA 6.08 g/L.

100% Cabernet Franc (Dineen Vineyard)

Barrels: This wine was aged 22 months in Export-style barrels of 25% new French oak from Tonnellerie Doreau and the balance seasoned French oak from Ton. de Jarnac and Vernou.

2014 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 marry with the bold tannin structure typical of Ciel and Red Mountain. 43% 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 7/23/16; 175 cases produced; Alcohol: 14.67%; pH 3.62, TA 5.89 g/L.

39% Cabernet Franc (Ciel du Cheval Vineyard)
32% Cabernet Sauvignon (Ciel du Cheval Vineyard)
29% Merlot (Ciel du Cheval Vineyard)

Barrels: This wine was aged 22 months Export-style barrels of 43% new French oak from Alain Fouquet and Ton. Vernou, 14% once used French oak from Ton. de Jarnac, and the balance seasoned barrels from Ton. Vernou.

2014 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 7/23/16; 50 cases produced; Alcohol: 14.57%; pH 3.74, TA 5.59 g/L.

100% Merlot (Ciel du Cheval Vineyard)

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

2014 MALBEC – HEART OF THE HILL VINEYARD : RED MOUNTAIN.....\$30

Malbec has come to Washington State and found a new home, and boy are we glad. 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 7/23/16; 50 cases produced; Alcohol: 15.16%; pH 3.53, TA 6.3 g/L.

100% Malbec (Heart of the Hill Vineyard)

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

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2014 MISCELA : COLUMBIA VALLEY.....\$25

True to the spirit of this wine... Miscela is Italian for "blend"... grapes from different vineyards create a satisfying Bordeaux-style wine. This Cabernet-heavy blend was sourced from four diverse vineyards in Eastern Washington with the majority of components sourced from Dineen Vineyard on the east end of the Yakima Valley, and Stone Tree near Mattawa. We followed this with a generous helping of Cabernet Franc from Dineen, Merlot from Ariances Vineyard near Mattawa, and Malbec from Red Mountain. Contributions from these vineyards compel us to call this wine "Washington State in a glass." Bottled 7/23/16; 300 cases produced; Alcohol: 14.53%; pH 3.56, TA 6.45 g/L

68% Cabernet Sauvignon (35% Dineen Vineyard, 33% Stone Tree Vineyard)

15% Cabernet Franc (Dineen Vineyard)

9% Merlot (Ariances Vineyard)

8% Malbec (Heart of the Hill Vineyard)

Barrels: This wine was aged 22 months in Export-style barrels of 17% new French oak by Ton. Vernou, once used barrels from Alain Fouquet, Ton. Doreau and de Jarnac, and the balance seasoned oak from Doreau.

2014 SYRAH : COLUMBIA VALLEY.....\$25

We crafted this Syrah blend around the magnificent fruit from four distinguished vineyards: Ariances Vineyard and Stone Tree Vineyard on the Wahluke Slope near Mattawa, and Ranch at the End of the Road and Ciel du Cheval on Red Mountain near Benton City. Distinct locations with climates all their own and three different clones contribute to a complex flavor profile of dark fruits, spices, savory edges, and a hint of floral notes from a splash of Viognier. Bottled 7/23/16; 150 cases produced; Alcohol: 14.53%; pH 3.74, TA 6.49 g/L

98% Syrah

(33% Ariances Vineyard, 33% Ranch at the End of the Road Vineyard, 26% Stone Tree Vineyard, 6% Ciel du Cheval Vineyard)
2% Viognier (Marcela Vineyard)

Barrels: This wine was aged 22 months in Export-style barrels of 33% once used American oak from A&K and French oak from Ton. Vernou, and the balance seasoned French oak from Tonnellerie Doreau and seasoned American oak from Canton.

**2014 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 Mountain, and valued when properly cellared over time. Floral notes from a touch of co-fermented Viognier to confuse your senses. Bottled 7/23/16; 50 cases produced; Alcohol: 14.52%; pH 3.75, TA 6.04 g/L

95% Syrah (Ciel du Cheval Vineyard)

5% Viognier (Marcela Vineyard)

Barrels: This wine was aged 22 months Export-style barrels, 50% new American oak from Canton Cooperage, 50% once used American oak from A&K.

**2014 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 Mountain. 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 7/23/16; 50 cases produced; Alcohol: 15%; pH 3.60, TA 6.11 g/L

100% Mourvèdre (Heart of the Hill Vineyard)

Barrels: This wine was aged 22 months in Export-style oak barrels 50% new French oak by A&K (DL Series, Baccus, M+) and seasoned oak by Ton. Vernou.

**2014 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 vineyard-designated wine has become a staple for us, again 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 7/23/16; 50 cases produced; Alcohol: 15.06%; pH 3.80, TA 6.04 g/L

95% Syrah (Stone Tree Vineyard)

5% Viognier (Marcela Vineyard)

Barrels: This wine was aged 22 months in Export-style barrels, 50% once used French oak from AB Selection and the balance seasoned American oak from A&K.

2014 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 and Ranch Vineyards. Bottled 7/23/16; 88 cases produced; Alcohol: 14.89%; pH 3.76, TA 5.78 g/L

72% Grenache (Stone Tree Vineyard)

14% Syrah (7% Ariances Vineyard, 7% Ranch at the End of the Road Vineyard)

14% Mourvèdre (Heart of the Hill Vineyard)

Barrels: This wine was aged 22 months in 66% stainless barrels by Mueller (the Grenache). The Syrah and Mourvèdre blend was raised in seasoned American oak by A&K.