

# :NOTA BENE CELLARS

Fine Red Wines from Washington State

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2015 Vintage - proudly presenting red wines by :Nota Bene!

## 2015 ARIANSES VINEYARD : WAHLUKE SLOPE.....\$30

We proudly present another interesting vintage from Arianses Vineyard near Desert Air along the Columbia River just south of Mattawa. Special thanks to vineyard owner Bruce Zunser for his care and vision in growing the components to offer us this Bordeaux style blend. Merlot 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 7/29/17; 50 cases produced; Alcohol 14.28%; pH 3.88, TA 6.38 g/L.

40% Merlot (Arianses Vineyard)  
20% Cabernet Sauvignon (Arianses Vineyard)  
20% Cabernet Franc (Arianses Vineyard)  
20% Petit Verdot (Arianses Vineyard)

*Barrels: This wine was aged 22 months in Export-style barrels of 40% new French oak from Ton. Vernou, 20% new American oak from Canton Cooperage, and 40% seasoned oak from A&K and Ton. de Jarnac.*

## 2015 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 7/29/17; 75 cases produced; Alcohol: 13.95%; pH 3.76, TA 6.41 g/L.

100% Cabernet Sauvignon (Dineen Vineyard)

*Barrels: This wine was aged for 22 months in Export style barrels of 30% new American oak from Canton Cooperage and the balance seasoned French oak from Ton. de Jarnac.*

## 2015 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 7/29/17; 50 cases produced; Alcohol: 14.41%; pH 3.79, TA 5.85 g/L.

100% Cabernet Sauvignon (Heart of the Hill Vineyard)

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

## 2015 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 7/29/17; 75 cases produced; Alcohol: 13.62%; pH 3.80, TA 6.04 g/L.

100% Cabernet Franc (Dineen Vineyard)

*Barrels: This wine was aged 22 months in Export-style barrels of seasoned French oak from Alain Fouquet.*

## 2015 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 offers a new focus on Cabernet Franc and Merlot with Cab Sauv in the background. The rich, dark berry flavors marry with the bold tannin structure typical of Ciel and Red Mountain. 80% 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 7/29/17; 125 cases produced; Alcohol: 14.95%; pH 3.73, TA 6.14 g/L.

40% Cabernet Franc (Ciel du Cheval Vineyard)  
40% Merlot (Ciel du Cheval Vineyard)  
20% Cabernet Sauvignon (Ciel du Cheval Vineyard)

*Barrels: This wine was aged 22 months Export-style barrels of 66% new French oak from Alain Fouquet and Ton. Doreau, the balance seasoned French oak from Ton. Doreau and Saur.*

## 2015 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 7/29/17; 75 cases produced; Alcohol: 13.88%; pH 3.76, TA 5.85 g/L.

100% Merlot (Ciel du Cheval Vineyard)

*Barrels: This wine was aged 22 months in Export-style barrels of seasoned French oak from Alain Fouquet and Ton. Doreau.*

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**2015 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 7/29/17; 50 cases produced; Alcohol: 15.07%; pH 3.73, TA 6.19 g/L.

92% Malbec (Heart of the Hill Vineyard)  
8% Merlot (Arianses Vineyard)

*Barrels: This wine was aged 22 months in Export-style barrels of 33% new French oak by Tonnelleries Vernou and seasoned American and French oak by Canton Cooperage and Saury.*

**2015 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 7/29/17; 75 cases produced; Alcohol: 14.50%; pH 3.81, TA 5.85 g/L

100% Mourvèdre (Heart of the Hill Vineyard)

*Barrels: This wine was aged 22 months in Export-style oak barrels 25% new American oak by A&K (DL Series, Baccus, M+) and seasoned French oak by Ton. de Jarnac and AB Selections.*

**2015 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 7/29/17; 14.52%; pH 3.81, TA 6.10 g/L

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

*Barrels: This wine was aged 22 months Export-style barrels, 50% new French oak from Ton. Vernou, the balance in seasoned French oak from Ton. Orion.*

**2015 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 7/29/17; 75 cases produced; Alcohol 14.77%; pH 3.88, TA 6.79 g/L

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

*Barrels: This wine was aged 22 months in Export-style barrels of seasoned French oak from Ton. Vernou and seasoned American oak from A&K.*

**2015 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 7/29/17; 82 cases produced; Alcohol: 13.63%; pH 3.84, TA 5.78 g/L

77% Grenache (StoneTree Vineyard)  
15% Syrah (7% Ranch at the End of the Road Vineyard 6% Arianses Vineyard, 2% StoneTree Vineyard)  
8% Mourvèdre (Heart of the Hill Vineyard)

*Barrels: This wine was aged 22 months in 77% stainless barrels by Meuller (the Grenache). The Syrah and Mourvèdre blend was raised in seasoned French and American oak.*