

Tasting Notes

2008 She-Devil Syrah Columbia Valley



Vintage Notes:

2008 was a compelling and complicated year! Compelling because of the balance the wines are showing already at this very early stage and complicated because of the some what cooler season. The cooler temperatures made for very intentional and thoughtful picking decisions and it required the nerve to wait for the fruit to ripen before the frost took over. In hindsight, we are very happy with our decisions! All of our fruit ripened later than normal but the longer hang time accumulated very complex flavors in the grapes. Nice and balanced, higher acidities and lower alcohols make promise for wines of elegance and grace! In our opinion, it's another great vintage!

Tasting Notes:

A mammoth year for Syrah. Deep, dark and brooding. Smoke, meat and spice with slight hints of perfume and lavender notes. Complex mineral characters and Washington terroir stand out as the wine opens up. Mouth is intensely rich, full and incredibly deep. Concentrated flavors of all the above and a long sailing finish.

Complexity and power par excellence!

Quintessential Washington Syrah. Hermitage anyone? (with a new world twist that is...!).

Appellation/Vineyards: 53% Stone Tree Vineyard Wahluke Slope and 47% Francisca's Vineyard Walla Walla

Final Blend:
100% Syrah

Aging:
20 months. 67% French. 20% American. 13% Hungarian. 60% new.

Bottle Date & Cases Produced:
331 cases bottled on August 25th, 2010
Alc. 14.5%

Winemaking notes:

Saignee and gently crushing combined with extended maceration both pre and post were carried out to concentrate mid palate and lengthen the finish. Temperature controlled fermentation never allowing too much heat makes sure that varietal expression and the sense of terroir remains intact. As always very tight grained hand selected barrels were used for the aging process for slow release of tannin and very fine integration of the oak components. I always strive to showcase the true potential of Washington Syrah and then take it to another level. This wine is again a perfect example of just that.