

Tasting Notes



2008 Calico Red 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!

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Hands down the most beautiful and best Calico Red so far! Concentration, richness and a smooth appeal with plenty of spice, dark cherries and hints of complex tarry elements. Its soft and approachable but with a substantial feel, plenty of depth and lingering finish to satisfy discerning palates. The six grapes each contributes very distinct qualities and elevates the wine into another level compared to prior vintages. A distinct Washington State blend with plenty of earth and mineral terroir driven components. Blending at its finest...

Winemaking notes:

The Calico Red is our go to wine in terms of quality and price. This wine is where our younger blocks with more fruit forward profiles find their place. Complimented by some of our higher end lots this wine is always made in a certain way to make sure it gives immediate drinking pleasure when released but it is also vinified to make sure that aging it will only reward the patient with an even greater experience! A well thought through superb value!!!

Appellation/Vineyards:

WW: 55%, WS: 26%, HHH: 15%, CV: 4%.

Final Blend: Syrah: 47%, Cabernet Sauvignon: 19%, Merlot: 16%, Malbec 10%, Cabernet Franc: 5%, Petit Verdot: 3%

Aging: 20 month in a combination of used French and American oak barrels.

Bottle Date & Cases Produced:

August 24-25, 2010 2515 cases