

Tasting Notes



2009 Calico White Columbia Valley

Vintage Notes: 2009 was an almost perfect vintage cut short ONCE AGAIN by the ever lurking chance of frost. This time it dawned upon us second week of October. A very hot beginning of summer raised many an eyebrow and the out look for over ripe plummy wines where present. Luckily temperatures during the ripening phase came down and hovered a little under normal which certainly saved the vintage and maintained fresh acidities and good balance in the picked grapes! The harvest was fast and furious due to the early development of the grapes and we were done picking our high end blocks close to three weeks earlier than normal. Very intense!!!

The grapes came in with very thick skins. Merlot was probably the thickest skins we have seen in years. That's a good thing! Berry sizes were also good showing smaller which gave us extremely concentrated wines with acidity maintained above average! Tannins this year are present and fresh with great promise of barrel aging! In general all our wines show great finesse, character and structure and one should especially look forward to our 2009 Intuition Reserve Bordeaux blend. We have the building blocks to make this one quite possibly the best we have ever produced! So hang in there and await another great vintage from Bergevin Lane.

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White peaches, citrus, and lemon peel combines with pears and apples enticingly teasing the senses. Certain mineral components adds layers of complexity while maintaining great over all sensory balance. Very smooth and rich in the mouth flavors develop reminiscent of partly sur lie aged wine adding even deeper layers and over all balance. A certain favorite for summer sipping!!!

Appellation/Vineyards: 17% Walla Walla AVA, 27% Columbia Valley AVA, 56% Yakima Valley AVA Francisca's, Faraway, Gamache, Bosma, Spring Creek, Lonesome Spring,

Final Blend: 42% Roussanne 33% Viognier, 17% Chardonnay, 8% Marsanne

Aging: 50% Barrel (French plus American and Eastern European,) 50% stainless steel

Bottle Date & Cases Produced:
March 23, 2010 1200 cases Alcohol: 13.9%

Winemaking notes: The Calico White is our extremely popular white blend. There are reasons for that! It all starts in the vineyards where we have the cooler climate Yakima Valley grapes playing against fuller flavored Columbia Valley and Walla Walla fruit. The attributes from these different areas go hand in hand and they are being accentuated at the winery utilizing many different fermentation vessels and techniques to create a clean, crisp and enormously complex blend!