

# Tasting Notes

## 2004 Alder Ridge Cabernet Sauvignon Horse Heaven Hills



**Vintage Notes:** 2004 was a very moderate growing season throughout the Columbia Valley. Walla Walla experienced a Spring freeze that destroyed 90% of the fruit. Our Walla Walla vineyards were not spared. However, when life hands you a box of lemons, it makes sense to make lemonade! Thus we made our only single vineyard Cab produced to date. All of the fruit comes from the Alder Ridge Vineyard located on the Columbia River. Natural wind and air drainage protects the vines from the harsh weather conditions, both in the summer and winter. It's regarded as one of the finest vineyards in the state.

### Tasting Notes:

Aromatics of lush dark berries, ripe currants, and dark chocolate. The palate is well-balanced with notes of sweet dark fruits, anise, and dark chocolate. The finish is impeccable, carrying through the flavors on the palate and rounding the mouth with lingering silky tannins.

### Appellation/Vineyards:

Horse Heaven Hills

78% Cabernet Sauvignon, 16% Merlot, 3% Cab Franc,  
3% Petit Verdot

**Ageing:** Aged in 67% French , 26% American oak,  
and 7% Hungarian oak

### Bottle Date & Cases Produced:

August 20, 2006 700 Cases

**Winemaking notes:** Our goal is making this wine was to showcase the unique terroir attributes of the Alder Ridge Vineyard. We wanted to produce an elegant Cab that still had substance and structure. We think the balance of this wine is displayed in the harmony of the fruit, oak, and tannins.