

# Bergevin Lane Tasting Notes

## 2014 Calico Red Columbia Valley



### Vintage Notes:

The 2014 Growing season started perfectly, with an extended dry blooming period and ideal temperatures. The year was drier than normal and much warmer than normal from April through the first few weeks of October. These perfect growing conditions led to what Tedd Wildman, manager of Stone Tree Vineyard, called shock and awe. "First the winemaker was in shock because the quantity was between 10 and 20 percent higher than cluster counts predicted, then everyone was in awe because the quality was very, very good." Overall, this trend repeated itself through all our vineyards. The two exceptions were Les Collines and Bergevin Springs. The Cabernet Sauvignon came in on our tonnage target and the quality is spectacular. The Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot and Cabernet Sauvignon came in on target at Bergevin Springs and the vineyard is giving hints to an earthy character that is quite unique. The Merlot from Bergevin Springs came in above expected quantity but shows the dark fruit and that earthy character found elsewhere in the vineyard. The only down side to this vintage was that the workload was as intense and concentrated as the wines. Our facility was bulging at the seams.

### Tasting Notes:

Color: Fire truck Red

Aromas of: Cassis and cola

Flavors: Subtle tannins emphasize vibrant dark fruit evolving into vanilla and coffee which linger on the long lasting finish. It's the perfect marriage of acidity and fruit. If we were to compare this wine to an actor we immediately think of Jack Nicholson. He can pop with excitement or simmer with intensity just like our 2014 Calico Red! One of his mottos: "More good times!" Enough said!

### Appellation/Vineyards:

Stone Tree Vineyards (62 % Wahluke Slope); Bergevin Springs, Francisca's, & Les Collines Vineyards (34% Walla Walla) Candy Mountain Vineyard (4% Columbia Valley)

### Final Blend:

51% Cabernet Sauvignon, 27% Merlot, 17% Syrah, & 5% Petit Verdot

**Aging:** 18 months in neutral 228 liter French, American & Eastern European barrels

### Bottle Date & Cases Produced:

June 29, 2016 3100 cases Alcohol: 13.9%

### Winemaking Notes:

Hand Picked grapes are carefully sorted and lightly crushed and gravity fed into 4 ton fermenters to preserve fruit character. 6 different cultured yeasts, one per lot, are used to create a silky texture and a broad palate of flavors. Fermentation was conducted slowly to prevent harsh tannins. After a 21 day fermentation, the free run wine was separated and the skins gently pressed. Aged in 228 liter French and American barrels for 20 months.