



2010 Washington State Cabernet Sauvignon

Washington State AVA | 410 Cases Produced

Vineyard

Cold Creek, Candy Mountain and Windrow Vineyards:

Cold Creek Vineyard is located in central Washington, east of Yakima and south of the Columbia River and Wahluke Slope. The site was originally planted in 1973 on a gentle south-facing slope which enjoys one of the longest and warmest growing seasons in the Columbia Valley appellation. Cold Creek is an ideal site for growing grapes, from the 30-year-old stressed vines planted in light, silty, well-draining soils to the long, hot days and cool nights during the growing season. With roughly five inches of annual rainfall at the site, the fruit from these tough vines have the power and concentration that only comes with age

Candy Mountain Vineyard was planted in 1998 and is managed by Tom Waliser. On a 5% south facing slope, this arid site is comprised of blow sand, gravel and granitic deposits. Similar to its slightly lower elevation neighbor Red Mountain, this site is low on rainfall and high on robust tannins and strong wind. Windrow is the oldest commercially planted vineyard in the Walla Walla AVA. Talks to create the appellation happened here. Situated on a bench created thousands of years ago where Lower Dry Creek empties into the southern Walla Walla Valley, Windrow has a rare combination of heat during the day followed by a cool breeze flowing out of the Blue Mountains in the evenings. This diurnal shift allows Windrow to grow its fruit until later in the season, increasing maturity while retaining enough acidity to maintain balance and structure. Ellisford Silt Loam is prevalent in this part of Walla Walla Valley AVA. .

Winemaking

2010 was the coldest vintage I've been a part of, and it played into our style choice. Generally desert sites ripen faster and sugars rise earlier than elsewhere. Not the case in 2010. All three vineyards had a chance to hang on the vine longer than normal, getting plant ripe without suffering high sugars or alcohols, creating a very restrained yet powerful Cabernet.

Aged in 35% new French oak and 70% neutral French oak.

Tasting Notes

Opens slowly with wood and cloves, red ripe fruits, big cherry pie, hay and pencil shavings. Tart, bright acids that do a great framing job thanks to the 2010 vintage. Supple tannins and phenomenal aging potential.