



2011 Brook Blend

Columbia Valley AVA | 136 Cases Produced

Vineyards

Gamache Vineyard from the White Bluffs of Columbia Valley gives us the Malbec on this blend. The full mouthfeel from Gamache is always a welcome addition in our blends. Gamache was our vineyard closest to large-set wildfires this year (based in Wenatchee WA) and the one that worried us most for smoke taint. It was also our last pick and determined practically by fire. The Cabernet comes from a blend of some of the finest Washington vineyards to give us that quintessential black fruits, currants, chocolate and sturdy tannin profile.

Winemaking

Normally, we include Petit Verdot in this blend but due to it being a cold year, we omitted this late ripening variety. Due to our lack of PV this year, we did a little harder press on this lot for further tannin extraction. The Brook Blend is our big, bold red year after year. Classic Cabernet meets full bodied and structured Malbec to make a strong, mid-palate focused, burly punch. This wine is not for the weak or weary. It is a fireside red and belongs alongside your thickest sweater. Our difficulty this year was to get everything as ripe as we wanted it, resulting in a very cold crush date, but we got what we wanted. The benefit of 2011 is that we are going to age this bottle for a long, long time and it will rock.

Tasting Notes

38% Cabernet Sauvignon, 62% Gamache Vineyard Malbec. Brambleberry and holiday spices of cinnamon, cloves and cardamom meet blueberry and Worcestershire. Big, round tannins with an even bigger finish. Bold and worth the time. It will age wonderfully.