



2011 Gamache Malbec

Columbia Valley AVA | 94 Cases Produced

Vineyard

Gamache Vineyard, planted in 1982 and owned/managed by Roger Gamache, is in the White Bluffs of the Columbia Valley. Almost since our beginning, we've sourced Malbec from Roger due to the site's huge mouthfeel and subtle spices. During hot years, this Malbec manages to retain its acidity and during cold, it achieves lush ripeness when others do not. The skins off of this site are some of the thickest we work with, resulting in high tannins, color and rich phenolics.

Winemaking

2011 was a cold and somewhat miserable year for winemaking. Yields were low across the board and there were fires in Eastern WA, spreading smoke taint across vineyards. Gamache was our closest vineyard to these sources and we pulled it off right when we got the first hint that the grapes were being affected. We literally played with fire. We're glad we did.

Tasting Notes

100% Gamache Vineyard Malbec. This wine has a deep ruby color with intense aromas of blueberry and black currants, followed by scents of lilac and lavender. A full, round mouthfeel tasting of blackberry compote is followed by lightly smoked hazelnuts. This wine has bracing acidity and a nice, long finish.