



**2011 Old Vines Malbec**

**Rattlesnake Hills AVA | 94 Cases Produced**

**Vineyard**

Konnowac Vineyard has the second oldest planting of Malbec (1987) in Washington State. It sits at an 800 ft. elevation on Warden Series silt loam with a slight slope aiding in both wind and frost protection. With an average of 8 inches of rainfall per year, this is a vineyard that can be hard during hard years but amazingly rewarding when attention is paid.

**Winemaking**

We had to wait a long time for the acids to drop on this guy. They finally did and gave us some tasty phenolics to boot. We gave her a nice hot fermentation to add some darker, more ominous notes to what was aiming to be her “pretty” façade. My favorite D254 yeast really added the complexity that I was unsure 2011 was going to allow us. That quick, hot, spiced ferment took us out of cute land and into a gnarlier and much more fascinating world.

**Tasting Notes**

100% Konnowac Vineyard Malbec. Immediate raspberry compote and leather whip. Juicy steak, black plum, currants, lavender and molasses. Velvet and vivacious with great acidity, lush tannins and a strong finish.