



2012 Cutthroat Blend

Columbia Valley AVA | 200 Cases Produced

Vineyards

Alder Ridge and Gamache Vineyard Malbec, Old Stones and Rock Garden Syrah. 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. The Alder Ridge Vineyard is a very windy site, adding tannin and color and a ton of nuanced dark flavor profiles. The Old Stones is a 13.5 acre property planted in our nation's newest AVA, "The Rocks District of Milton Freewater." It is located along an ancient river bed covered with massive basalt cobblestones. These cobblestones go very deep into the soil and retain heat during the day to then radiate that heat back to the vines during the cooler evening hours. Rock Garden is also in this AVA and was planted by the Buty Winery team in conjunction with viticultural guru Dr. Phil Freese. Densely planted and highly coveted, Rockgarden was certified organic by Oregon Tilth on October 15th 2010.

Winemaking

The 2012 Vintage was fun, fun, fun. For one thing, I wasn't pregnant. For another thing, it was warm but not blistering hot. It was sunny and lacked rain for extended periods of time, allowing us ample time to make decisions on pick dates and it will go down as a vintage that produced hedonistic wines in the best possible way. The trick to 2012 was to embrace the hedonism, and so we did. We hope you do too.

Tasting Notes

48% Malbec, 52% Syrah. A bold and rocky bouquet packed with slate, wet stone, granite, graphite, leading into iron and rust notes, white pepper, cumin, turmeric. Finishes with blackberry, blueberry, cranberries, vanilla and spice, beef jerky and freshly bought saddle leather. Soft tannins and a soft finish add focus to the mid-palate and bright front bouquet. This wine decants well and is a beauty on day two and even day three. Pair it with lamb or summertime grilled vegetables