

FLYING TROUT



2014 Gamache Vineyard Malbec Columbia Valley AVA | 95 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. We pick clone 4 and clone 9 Malbec off of Roger's vineyard.

Winemaker Notes

It was a beautiful Indian summer in Washington! With no heat spikes and cool nighttime temperatures, the balance in this wine is ideal. These grapes were wonderfully juicy, producing fabulous flavors. Aged in neutral French Oak for 18 months and bottled in spring of 2016. Our Gamache Vineyard Malbec was released in the spring of 2017.

Tasting Notes

100% Gamache Vineyard Malbec. This vintage shows a deep ruby-crimson color and enticing aromas of blackberries, blueberries, and black currants, with scents of black roses, mulberry, sweet tobacco, violets and spicedincense. On the palate, the black and blue fruit flavors are mouth encompassing, intermixed with black licorice, dark cocoa, French roast and alluvial minerals. The saturation continues on the back with sensations of macerated berries, roasted walnuts, blueberry preserves, dried currants and charcoal, followed by a lingering, spiced slightly grainy ripe tannin finish that is lifted by vivid fruit acidity.

Awards/Accolades

19/20 Points~ Rand Sealey, A Review of Washington Wines