

# 2011 21 GRAMS WASHINGTON STATE

## • 92 POINTS WINE ENTHUSIAST 'CELLAR SELECTION'

#### **VINEYARDS** •

- **Cold Creek Vineyard** The site was originally planted in 1973 on a south-facing slope with 30-year-old stressed vines planted in light, silty, well-draining soils. With roughly five inches of annual rainfall, the results are fruit with solid complexity.
- Stone Tree Vineyard is 250 acres of wine grapes on the Wahluke Slope at an altitude of between 930 and 1250 above sea level on the south slope of Saddle Mountain. This site also has one of the longest growing seasons in Washington.
- Candy Mountain Vineyard was planted in 1998, this arid site is comprised of blow sand, gravel, and granitic deposits. Similar to its slightly lower elevation neighbor Red Mountain, this site is low on rainfall and high on robust tannins.

#### WINEMAKER NOTES ·

"Despite the cold vintage our desert sites were relatively unaffected and ripened to maturity as usual yet retained solid natural acid. Cold vintage? Yes. Cold vintage wine? Not so much. This wine is as lush as you would expect from 21 Grams."

-Jamie Brown, Winemaker

### **TASTING NOTES** •

Tightly wound up right now, it offers aromas of high-toned herbs, vanilla, spice and dark fruit. The palate is soft and flavorful, with plush yet delicate cherry flavors and fine-grained tannins that lead to an extended, fruit-filled finish. It's a very sophisticated wine with a long life in front of it. Best from 2021 to 2030.

#### TECHNICAL ·

WINEMAKER: Jamie Brown

APPELLATION: Washington State

VARIETAL COMPOSITION:

85% Cold Creek and Candy Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon,

9% Stone Tree Petit Verdot, 6% Stone Tree Malbec

ALCOHOL: 14.5%

PH: 3.65

TOTAL ACID: 0.65

BOTTLING DATE: February 2014 CASES BOTTLED: 150 cases.

CELLARING: Best 2020 through 2025

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