

DESERT WIND

2019 RUAH

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WINEMAKING NOTES

The 2019 growing season started off slow due to winter storms that lasted into February, but consistently warm and sunny days in the summer put growth back on track. The overall heat accumulation remained just above average for Washington. Overall, the 2019 vintage showcased a fairly typical vintage in the area, which is a good sign for the consistency and quality of the resulting wines. The 2019 Ruah is our proprietary red blend, comprised of varieties that were fermented separately, then blended and aged for 20 months in neutral French oak.

VINEYARD NOTES

The Wahluke Slope AVA is located in south-central Washington and is considered one of the warmer regions in the state. Our 480 acre Desert Wind Estate Vineyard is south-facing, with a gradual two percent slope ranging from 800 to 1,000 feet in elevation. The deep, rocky soil allows for excellent drainage, stressing the vines and allowing focused energy on fruit production. The resulting wines are highly pigmented and have excellent tannin structure.

TASTING NOTES

A crowd pleaser; the 2019 Ruah begins sweet and savory on the nose with raspberry jam, strawberry compote, anise, and tobacco leaf. Swirling brings fresh plums, red licorice, dried oregano, and hints of cassis. Very fresh and medium bodied, the mouthfeel showcases a combination of ripe red fruit and dried herb flavors, with notes of potpourri and rooibos tea. The mid-palate is round and creamy, with plenty sweetness, but without losing its freshness. A beautiful red blend that can be enjoyed now or in the next 6 years.

COMPOSITION: 67% CABERNET SAUVIGNON, 17% MERLOT, 16% SYRAH

AVA: WAHLUKE SLOPE, WA | AGING: 20 MONTHS IN NEUTRAL FRENCH OAK

ALCOHOL: 13.9% | PRODUCTION: 6450 CASES