

Tasting Notes

2012 “Wild Child” Merlot Wahluke Slope



Vintage Notes:

The 2012 growing season came in like a lion, cooler than normal and above average rain through the spring. The sky cleared during the first week of June and things began to dry out and temperatures in June and July were average. It warmed up in August and temperatures stayed above average with only light rain through October. Overall the season was a little late but Mother nature gave us a great growing season and perfectly balanced fruit and spice characters with plenty of Washington terroir.

Tasting Notes:

Wild aromas of blackberry and cassis packed in a cedar chest. A smooth silky package of Plum, black cherry and sticky blackberry lasts on the palate. Bright fleshy cherry, vanilla and spice on the forever finish.

Appellation/Vineyards:

100 % Stone Tree Vineyards; 100% Wahluke Slope

Final Blend:

100% Merlot

Aging:

18 Months in 25% New Oak; 75% French & 25% American

Bottle Date, Alc., & Cases Produced:

July 1, 2014 14.4% 588 Cases

Winemaking Notes: Hand Harvested grapes, carefully sorted and De-stemmed with minimal crushing, and gravity fed into 4 and 1 ton fermenters. Our standard fermentation lasts 30 days, after which the free run wine is separated from the press fraction. Ageing occurs in 228 liter French and American barrels for 18 months.