

# Tasting Notes

## 2014 Linen Red Columbia Valley



**Vintage Notes:** The 2014 Growing season started perfectly, with an extended dry blooming period and ideal temperatures. The year was drier than normal and much warmer than normal from April through the first few weeks of October. These perfect growing conditions led to what Tedd Wildman, manager of Stone Tree Vineyard, called shock and awe. “First the winemaker was in shock because the quantity was between 10 and 20 percent higher than cluster counts predicted, then everyone was in awe because the quality was very, very good.” Overall, this trend repeated itself through all our vineyards. The two exceptions were Les Collines and Bergevin Springs. The Cabernet Sauvignon came in on our tonnage target and the quality is spectacular. The Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot and Cabernet Sauvignon came in on target at Bergevin Springs and the vineyard is giving hints to an earthy character that is quite unique. The Merlot from Bergevin Springs came in above expected quantity but shows the dark fruit and that earthy character found elsewhere in the vineyard. The only down side to this vintage was that the workload was as intense and concentrated as the wines. Our facility was bulging at the seams.

### Tasting Notes:

Our 2014 Linen Red Blend has a lot to say. Intense ruby garnet in color, teasing the nose with hints of smoke, baking spices and mouthwatering, juicy aromas leading into enticing flavors of coffee, marionberry & black cherry. This thoughtful blend with balanced acidity dances on the palate and finishes with a “booyah” of ripe, bright fruit. This wine is made to enjoy now.

### Bottle Date & Cases

### Produced:

June 27, 2016 1918 cases

### Appellation/Vineyards:

51% Stone Tree (Wahluke Slope) 31% Bergevin Springs, 8% Francisca's & 6% Les Collines (45% Walla Walla Valley) & 4% Candy Mountain (Columbia Valley)

**Blend:** 28% Malbec, 22% Petit Verdot, 18% Cabernet Sauvignon, 18% Merlot, 8% Syrah & 6% Cabernet Franc

**Aging:** 19 months in neutral barrels. 70% FR, 20% AM & 10% EU

### Winemaking notes:

The Linen Red is refined, elegant while being priced for every day drinking. Fermented in small lots using traditional techniques, Linen is aged for 19 months in small oak barrels then thoughtfully blended.