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## 2007 Champoux Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon

### VINTAGE

Due to an unusual spring heat wave just before bloom, berries were smaller-than-average in 2007, adding concentration and flavor to the grapes. Good set after bloom, ideal summer conditions, followed by the Columbia Valley's typical fall weather pattern of warm days and cool nights, ripened grapes slowly and evenly. The resulting wines have excellent natural acidity and deep, intense flavor.

### VINEYARDS

One of the advantages of having made wine in the Columbia Valley since the mid-1980s is the opportunity it's given me to work with some of the most dedicated growers in the industry. During all that time, Champoux Vineyard has stood at the top of the list of outstanding vineyards in Washington State. Located in the Horse Heavens, this vineyard consistent produces wines with exceptional depth, complexity, and elegance.

### WINEMAKING

After destemming and crushing, grapes were fermented on their skins for eight days. After being pressed off, this lot was aged for 20 months in primarily new French Oak barrels to improve its already lengthy finish. Racking the wine every three months created pliant tannins and a bold, stylish structure.

### TASTING NOTES

Made from what is arguably Washington State's best vineyard for the variety, the Champoux Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon is a sleek and powerful wine. Rich and concentrated, the nose is loaded with cassis and black cherry, while the palate is brimming with supple tannins and tremendous length.



### ANALYSIS AT BOTTLING

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| Total Acidity ..... | 0.52g/100ml             |
| pH.....             | 3.74                    |
| Alcohol.....        | 14.4                    |
| Blend... ..         | 100% Cabernet Sauvignon |
| Cases.....          | 361                     |
| Bottling Date.....  | May 13, 2009            |

Mike Januik, owner/winemaker