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2008 Champoux Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon

VINTAGE

Due to a cooler than normal summer, harvest started later than normal. However, September and October provided the most perfect harvest weather I've seen in 25 years of winemaking in the Columbia Valley. The resulting wines have excellent natural acidity and deep, intense flavors.

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 consistently 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

Total Acidity	0.52g/100ml
pH.....	3.74
Alcohol.....	14.4
Blend... ..	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Cases.....	377
Bottling Date.....	July 9,2010

Mike Januik, owner/winemaker