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2008 Reserve Red Wine

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

Weinbau Vineyard is located on the Wahluke Slope and is one of the oldest vineyards in the area. All of the merlot and cabernet franc come from this vineyard as well as 18% of the cabernet sauvignon. This vineyard is known for its rocky soil and gives this wine its lengthy finish. Champoux Vineyard is located in the Horse Heaven Hills and contributes the final 60% of the cabernet sauvignon to this blend. One of the state's most revered vineyards, Champoux contributes great power and concentration which along with the Weinbau wines makes a blend which is elegant and complex.

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 all new French Oak barrels to improve its already lengthy finish. Racking the wine every three months created pliant tannins and bold, stylish structure.

TASTING NOTES

Made from some of the finest vineyards in the Columbia Valley, this wine is full-bodied on the palate, well-balanced, concentrated, and structured.



ANALYSIS AT BOTTLING

Total Acidity0.56g/100ml
 pH.....3.73
 Blend.....78% Cabernet Sauvignon;
 20% Merlot;
 2% Cabernet Franc
 Cases.....74
 Bottling Date..... July 13, 2010

Mike Januik, owner/winemaker