



POWERS

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2008 Meritage Reserve

TASTING NOTES

Heady aromatics of menthol and eucalyptus wrap with voluptuous layers of bing cherries in a briar patch. This is a seamless wine that lingers incessantly on the palate and allows the flavors to grow. Both elegant and bold, the layers of berries and cherries are woven into fresh forest floor. It demonstrates the best balance of new world flavors with old world elegance.

BLEND/VINEYARD INFO

70% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Cabernet Franc, 10% Merlot, 7% Malbec and 3% Petit Verdot

60% Sheridan Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon, Yakima Valley

10% Coyote Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon, Wahluke Slope

10% Champoux Vineyard Cabernet Franc, Horse Heaven Hills

10% Katherine Leone Merlot, Milbrandt Vineyard, Wahluke Slope

7% Alice Vineyard Malbec, Columbia Valley

3% Alice Vineyard Petit Verdot, Columbia Valley

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

We envision Washington Red Wines to have a style that lies between New world and Old World. What that means to us is wines with mature fruit character, underlying structure, and a sense of where it is grown. Meritage is the wine we make for ourselves and it often tends to the old world side of the spectrum. With nearly 20 years experience in working with top Washington vineyards, we were delighted to add Sheridan Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon to the blend this year. All of the components were aged in French oak for 30 months and the wine was blended in August 2011 just prior to bottling.

TECHNICAL DATA

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| Release Date: | 1.1.2012 | Acidity: | 0.74 |
| Alcohol: | 14.0% | pH | 3.88 |
| Residual Sugar: | 0.00% | Cases: | 100 |