



2004 L'Étalon Bordeaux-Style Blend

This Bordeaux-style blend was crafted using carefully selected lots of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot and Malbec made from select Washington vineyards. Each of these grapes possesses a unique character. Yet, when blended in the right proportions, they harmonize into one essential composition as each makes its distinctive contribution to the whole.

Richly dark in color the aroma brings forth raspberries, cassis, roasted meats, licorice, chocolate and cedar. Mouth-filling flavors show soft well integrated tannins and a food friendly balance.

Each vintage of this Bordeaux-Style Blend will be slightly different, depending on the characteristics of the harvest. In 2003 I used the following sources and varieties:

Stonetree Vineyards	Cabernet Sauvignon	38%	Wahluke Slope
Solstice Vineyards	Cabernet Sauvignon	<u>14%</u>	Yakima Valley
Total Cabernet Sauvignon		52%	
Outlook Vineyards	Merlot	16%	Yakima Valley
Solstice Vineyards	Merlot	<u>5%</u>	Yakima Valley
Total Merlot		21%	
Solstice Vineyards	Cabernet Franc	10%	Yakima Valley
Stonetree Vineyards	Petit Verdot	12%	Columbia Valley
Newhouse Vineyard	Malbec	5%	Yakima Valley

Analysis at Harvest

Average Brix	25.9
Average TA	0.54 %
Average pH	3.67

Analysis at Bottling

Residual Sugar	0.2%
TA (%)	0.59%
pH	3.73
Alcohol (%)	13.3%

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