



*A Passion for the Art of Blending*

## 1998 Solesce Bordeaux-Style Blend

Solesce (rhymes with impress) is a fanciful word, created to convey the idea of wine as “an essence of Sol”, our sun. Each bottle is the liquid expression of that essence, of the sun transformed into mature grapes basking on the vine, later rendered into glorious wine. Each sip is a celebration of the sun-drenched slopes of Washington’s vineyards.

The 1998 Solesce Bordeaux-Style blend was crafted using carefully selected lots of merlot, cabernet sauvignon, cabernet franc and malbec from some of Washington’s greatest 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.

Solstice Vineyard	Merlot	50%	Yakima Valley
Smith Canyon Vineyard	Cabernet Sauvignon	14%	Columbia Valley
DeBrul Vineyard	Cabernet Sauvignon	14%	Yakima Valley
Red Mountain Vineyard	Cabernet Sauvignon	8%	Red Mountain
Total Cabernet Sauvignon		36%	
Brulotte Vineyard	Cabernet Franc	10%	Yakima Valley
Fiola Vineyard	Malbec	4%	Yakima Valley

### Analysis at Harvest

Average Brix	23.9
Average TA	0.53%

### Analysis at Bottling

Residual Sugar	0.1%
TA	0.54%

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