



SHOUP

2012

RED WINE

COLUMBIA VALLEY

Tasting Notes: With aromas of coffee, black cherry and sweet spice, the 2012 Shoup is a dense, generous wine with an elegant structure and layers of flavors. Toasted rosemary and graphite followed by an enticing band of dark chocolate complements blackberry and other dark fruit flavors that gain intensity across the palate. A complex wine with vibrant fruit and spice character makes for a lively finish.

Vintage: The 2012 vintage produced wines with exceptional color and rich, complex flavors. The growing season started warm; April conditions were near perfect, then temperatures cooled considerably in May and June before warming for the summer and remained remarkably consistent throughout harvest. Small berries matured beautifully, yielding intense flavors and ripe, integrated tannins.

Winemaking: Hand-picked grapes, harvested at ideal physiological maturity, were brought to the winery in small bins. The grapes were de-stemmed and lightly crushed, keeping about 80% whole berries in 1.7-ton fermenters. We obtained a textured, rich wine with a structure able to sustain extended barrel aging. After pressing, the wine was moved into French oak barrels, 80% new for 22 months, in order to refine the tannins and enhance the nuanced flavors of graphite and spice.

Vineyards: With the goal of creating a Washington state expression of a refined Bordeaux blend, the 2012 Shoup relies on fruit from a selection of Columbia Valley vineyards. The Cabernet Sauvignon is entirely from the Red Mountain AVA which gives this wine its backbone. Dionysus Vineyard Petit Verdot adds vibrancy and elevates the wine while the Weinbau Vineyard's Merlot contributes to the wine's softness and complexity.

Blend: 50% Cabernet Sauvignon
25% Merlot
25% Petit Verdot

Alcohol: 14.9%
pH: 3.86
TA: 0.56 grams/100ml
Production: 125 cases