



2013 Pirouette
Columbia Valley, Red Wine
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Philippe Melka and Agustin Huneus, Sr. teamed to combine the traditions of old world winemaking, the advancements of new world technology, and small lots from Washington State's finest vineyards to craft this enticing red blend.

Tasting Notes: Deep in color and complexity, this wine combines expressive red fruit aromas with dark chocolate and blueberry flavors accented by hints of oak spice that evolve across the palate. A juicy yet beautifully balanced wine with a rich mouthfeel and persistent finish.

Vintage: The 2013 growing season started with an early bud break followed by consistently dry, warm weather that lasted until rainfall moved across the Columbia Valley in mid-June. The precipitation allowed the vines to establish a solid canopy that proved useful when temperatures reached 100 degrees immediately following the rains. With a protective exterior canopy, we were able to open the interior canopy to allow uniform ripening in the fruit zone. As temperatures cooled in September, the extended hang time allowed grape flavors to fully mature.

Winemaking: For the Cabernet Sauvignon included in this blend, a variety of fermentation techniques were used to promote complexity and richness in the finished wine. Hand harvested Cabernet grown on Red Mountain was fermented with wild yeast in 400L oak barrels that were gently rolled throughout fermentation to add structure and showcase the grapes' rich, supple tannins. All other varieties were fermented in traditional stainless steel tanks, with select lots enjoying longer skin contact to enhance the wine's dark color and mid-palate. Aged 22 months in French oak barrels, 75% new. Bottled unfiltered and unfined.

Vineyards: This Cabernet-dominant wine, sourced primarily from Red Mountain for structure and richness, was blended with Old Vine Cabernet Sauvignon planted at Sagemoor Vineyards in 1972. Weinbau Vineyard (Wahluke Slope) Merlot adds bright, red and black fruit intensity; Cabernet Franc from here adds vibrancy. Dionysus Vineyard's Petit Verdot adds layers of complex aromas and flavors.

Blend: 63% Cabernet Sauvignon
20% Merlot
12% Petit Verdot
5% Cabernet Franc

Alcohol: 15.0%
pH: 3.82
TA: 0.57
Release Date: November 2015
Production: 1,821 cases