



**2008 Sequel Syrah  
Columbia Valley  
John Duval, Winemaker**

After 16 years as winemaker for Australia's iconic Penfolds Grange, John Duval came to the Columbia Valley in 2003 as the "sequel" to his life's work with Syrah.

**Tasting Notes:** A deep, dark beauty loaded with dried cherry and currant aromas and flavors wrapped in nuances of cola, incense and barrel spice. Plush and savory on the palate with an appealing concentration of fruit and silky tannins that linger on the finish.

**Vintage:** The 2008 vintage was somewhat cooler than previous years rewarding those who kept vines in balance and yields low. Despite a cool spring, conditions moderated over the summer and into the fall ripening the Syrah to full maturity. Meticulous care in the vineyard throughout the growing season resulted in fresh, vibrant wines marked by deep color, excellent structure and balanced acidity.

**Winemaking:** In addition to working with a limited number of distinct vineyard sites, John uses a variety of winemaking techniques to produce a wide spectrum of flavors. Grapes are hand-picked and sorted at the winery, with a select portion of the lots "racked and returned," an Australian technique that allows for gentle treatment of the berries at peak fermentation to extract optimal color and richness. Additionally, certain lots are cold soaked to enhance fruitiness and freshness, while other lots undergo extended maceration (up to 30 days) to enhance the wine's mouth feel. Aged 18 months in 65% new French oak barrels.

**Vineyards:** Approximately one-fourth of the Syrah is from Horse Heaven Hills vineyards chosen for complexity, spice and richness. Yakima Valley Syrah from Boushey Vineyard makes up another quarter of the blend and contributes refined texture, elegance and balance. The remainder of the blend is sourced from mature vines planted at Bacchus Vineyard near Pasco as well as a few select vineyards in and around Red Mountain; both areas contribute to the wine's dimension, color and depth.

**Alcohol:** 14.7%

**pH:** 3.81

**TA:** 0.61grams / 100ml

**Blend:** 99% Syrah; 1% Cabernet Sauvignon

**Release Date:** Fall 2011

**Production:** 1,025 cases