



**2011 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:** Opaque in color with intense aromas and flavors of ripe plum, black licorice and cedar that shine through from start to finish. Distinctive nuances of cassis, oak spice and mocha on the mid-palate carry the long, supple finish. A bold yet balanced wine with an impressive backbone providing both firm structure and richness.

**Vintage:** The 2011 vintage produced wines that offer the best of both worlds: intense, vibrant and immediately enjoyable in their youth with firm structure and ripe tannins that make them excellent candidates for the cellar. Credit a cool spring, moderate summer and warm September. The temperate spring and summer conditions that defined most of the season developed fresh, intense black fruit character in the grapes. September's warm days allowed the grapes to reach physiological maturity and finish ripening perfectly. Cool fall evenings offset the warm days to preserve the grapes' acidity and ripe tannins, resulting in wines with great structure and backbone.

**Winemaking:** Hand-sorted grapes underwent a variety of fermentation techniques to enhance each component of this graceful blend. Cabernet Sauvignon was fermented with native yeast in 400L oak barrels that were gently rolled to add to the wine's structure and rich tannins without imparting bitterness. The remaining grapes 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, before being bottled unfined and unfiltered.

**Vineyards:** Red Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon gives this wine its backbone and structure; Merlot from Candy Mountain and Dionysus Vineyards adds a soft, rich mouth-feel. Dionysus and Stone Tree Vineyard Petit Verdot contributes to the wine's vibrant acidity. Columbia Valley Malbec and Cabernet Franc add extra layers of complexity and elegance.

**Blend:** 53% Cabernet Sauvignon  
23% Merlot  
15% Petit Verdot  
5% Cabernet Franc  
4% Malbec

**Alcohol:** 14.9%  
**pH:** 3.72  
**TA:** 0.53 grams / 100ml  
**Release Date:** Fall 2013  
**Production:** 1,716 cases