

2023 LOOK WEST HORSE HEAVEN HILLS AVA

cedar ▪ graphite ▪ ripe red berries ▪ leather ▪ tea leaves



VINEYARD
MCKINLEY SPRINGS
RIVER RIDGE
CHUKAR

ASSEMBLAGE
52% CAB SAUV
32% MERLOT
8% CARMENÈRE
8% MALBEC

WINEMAKER
DUSTY JENKINS

PRODUCTION
311 CASES

AGEING
18 MONTHS IN
35% NEW, 65% NEUTRAL
FRENCH OAK

ALCOHOL: 14.8%
TA: 5.9 G/L | PH: 3.81

VINIFICATION

Introducing the inaugural vintage of our Look West Bordeaux Blend, crafted exclusively from fruit sourced within the Horse Heaven Hills AVA. Each vineyard lot underwent meticulous processing, beginning with a 72–96-hour cold maceration at 9–10°C to enhance flavor and color extraction. Fermentation took place in small, 1-ton batches, with extraction optimized through three daily hand punchdowns until ideal tannin and flavor profiles were achieved.

The wine was then pressed, racked to barrels, and completed malolactic fermentation in oak. This wine spent 18 months in 35% new French oak and 65% neutral French oak. It was racked twice during ageing and bottled in May 2025.

TASTING NOTES:

Cedar bark and graphite hit first, like a dusty trail through a dry canyon. Ripe red berries (think crushed raspberries and wild cherries) carry a sunbaked sweetness, grounded by weathered leather and the faint, bite of black tea leaves steeped too long.



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A STORY IN EVERY BOTTLE

In 1897, H.M. Gilbert made the gutsy decision to move his family out west. Over a century later, the Gilbert family is still embodying this mentality. We invite you to grab a glass and join us, as we “LOOK WEST.”

To look west is to chase the last light of the day—the golden hour when things feel possible, even if they’re fleeting. It’s a nod to where the sun sets, where the horizon stretches wide, and where the unknown still feels wild. It means moving forward, even if you’re not sure what’s waiting on the other side of the ridge.

For us, it’s about staying curious. Trusting the land. Following your gut. It’s the call to pack up, roll the windows down, and keep going—not because the journey is easy, but because it’s yours.

So when we say “look west,” we’re not just pointing a direction. We’re pointing to a mindset.

WHY WASHINGTON BLENDS MATTER

In this wild stretch of high desert and ancient floodplains, we work with extremes—relentless sun, cool nights, and soils shaped by volcanic eruptions and Ice Age floods. Out of that chaos, we blend. Not to follow tradition, but to follow instinct.

Since 2004, Gilbert Cellars has crafted bold, vibrant reds that reflect the raw beauty of the land we tend. Winemaker Dusty Jenkins blends with a renegade’s touch—balancing rich tannins and silky fruit in wines like our longtime favorites, Allobroges & Left Bank.

From Wahluke Slope to Horse Heaven Hills, every bottle is low-intervention, sourcing organic and Sustainable WA certified fruit when possible, and built to tell the story of this land.

Gritty. Polished. Unmistakably Washington.

Meet our newest red blend: Look West.

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