



2009 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: Dark in color, with aromas of black cherry and licorice that leap from the glass, the 2009 Pirouette is a vibrant, expressive wine offering ripe currant, hints of black olives, roasted coffee bean and vanilla. Well-balanced on the palate with generous, polished tannins and a lengthy finish.

Vintage: The 2009 vintage produced wines with deep color, concentration and richness. The growing season started a bit cooler and wetter than usual, but by July temperatures warmed considerably and stayed warm from veraison throughout harvest. Because spring was cool, the decision was made to drop extra fruit early in the season to ensure uniform ripening. With low yields and summer's consistent, warm temperatures, the grapes ripened quickly and evenly sparking one of the earliest and fastest harvests on record.

Winemaking: Despite an accelerated harvest that seemingly ripened grapes across all varieties simultaneously, Long Shadows' winery was designed with maximum capacity in mind for years like 2009; and as a result, winemakers were able to pick grapes at perfect ripeness, without compromise. Once at the winery, Pirouette's lots underwent a variety of fermentation techniques to enhance each component of this multi-layered blend. Cabernet Sauvignon was fermented with native yeasts in 400L oak barrels that were gently rolled to impart structure and richness, without 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 rich mid-palate. Aged 22 months in French oak, 75% new. Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered.

Vineyards: Red Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon gives this wine backbone and structure; Merlot from here adds bold, dark flavor. Sagemoor Cabernet Sauvignon planted in the heart of the Columbia Valley in 1972 adds another layer of complexity. Malbec from The Benches brightens the wine and contributes licorice and a silky mouth feel. Wahluke Slope Cabernet Franc enhances aromatics.

Blend: 57% Cabernet Sauvignon
27% Merlot
13% Cabernet Franc
3% Malbec

Alcohol: 14.9%

pH: 3.67

TA: .58

Production: 1,415 cases

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