



2013 SAGGI
Columbia Valley
Ambrogio and Giovanni Folonari

The Folonaris are among Italy's oldest and most prestigious Tuscan wine families with a winemaking history dating back to the late 1700's.

Tasting Notes: Deep crimson in color, with bright aromas of ripe strawberries woven around a hint of sweet spice, this is a lively wine with a refined texture and vibrancy that elevates the ripe red currant and fresh plum flavors on the mid-palate. Beautifully balanced and rich from entry through an extended finish.

Vintage: The 2013 growing season started with an early bud break followed by dry, warm weather that lasted until a few days of mid-June rain moved through the Columbia Valley. The precipitation allowed the vines to establish a solid canopy that proved useful when temperatures climbed immediately following the rain. With a protective exterior canopy, we were able to open the interior canopy to allow uniform ripening in the fruit zone and as temperatures cooled in the fall the grapes benefitted from extended hang time.

Winemaking: Hand-harvested grapes were crushed, then using a technique known as saignée, 5-10% of juice was removed from the tank to enhance extraction before beginning an extended maceration of 30 days on average in small two-ton tanks. The process provides for optimal extraction and broadens the mid-palate. Aged 18 months in all French oak barrels, 55% new.

Vineyards: Like previous vintages, the 2013 Saggi is a blend of two outstanding Washington Sangiovese vineyards. Candy Mountain Sangiovese gives the wine bright, ripe aromas and flavors. Dick Boushey's Yakima Valley Sangiovese, planted in 1993, adds vibrancy and balanced acidity. Cabernet Sauvignon from Stone Tree Vineyard was chosen for the restrained power of the fruit that adds structure to the finished wine without overshadowing the Sangiovese. Syrah from The Benches adds to the wine's dark color and rich mid-palate.

Blend: 59% Sangiovese
32% Cabernet Sauvignon
9% Syrah

Alcohol: 14.9%
pH: 3.68
TA: 0.48 grams/100ml
Release date: Summer 2015
Production: 1,515 cases