



Varietal Composition

75% cabernet sauvignon
13% petit verdot
12% merlot

Bottling Date

April 22, 2008

Alcohol

15.2% by Volume

Time in New Oak

29 months

Release Date

February 1, 2010

Production

98 cases 750ml

Retail Price

\$150.00

This 2005 Special Selection red wine was produced from old vine Columbia Valley cabernet sauvignon grown at Champoux Vineyard above the Columbia River at Alderdale, Washington, and petit verdot and merlot from the Woodward Canyon Estate Vineyard in the Walla Walla Valley. In over nearly 25 years of winemaking, this is only the fourth Special Selection Woodward Canyon has produced. 2005 was an exceptional vintage and this red wine is truly what “special” means. This wine is why we do this!

These grapes were harvested by hand in mid-October and were additionally hand sorted prior to crushing. Average brix at harvest was well over 26 degrees. The various lots making up this red wine were fermented in small 2,000 liter open top tanks and punch down was done by hand two times per day. After pressing and settling, the various lots went to new French chateau barrels for aging and development. The final wine was assembled and a portion was transferred once again into new chateau barrels for additional barrel age. On April 22, 2008, this wine was bottled unfinned and unfiltered and laid down in our cellars for additional bottle aging.

Following the development of a red wine such as this through the cellar for nearly five years is amazing. This beautifully structured wine is dark purple garnet in color. Aromas of ripe forest ridge black berry marry with notes of earth, leather, vanilla, and spice. The finish is long and remarkable showing incredible texture with beautifully integrated tannins. Nearly two years of bottle aging has allowed all the extraordinary elements in this wine to integrate, becoming more complex and generous. This is a ten to twelve year wine if cellared properly although it may certainly be consumed sooner. Enjoy with Greek food that includes oven roasted lamb.