

# Waters

## 2010 Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon Washington State AVA | 85 Cases Produced



### Vineyard

Our Cabernet comes from Cold Creek Vineyard for this wine. Cold Creek Vineyard is located in central Washington, east of Yakima and south of the Columbia River and Wahluke Slope. The site was originally planted in 1973 on a gentle south-facing slope which enjoys one of the longest and warmest growing seasons in the Columbia Valley appellation. Cold Creek is an ideal site for growing grapes, from the 30-year-old stressed vines planted in light, silty, well-draining soils to the long, hot days and cool nights during the growing season. With roughly five inches of annual rainfall at the site, the fruit from these tough vines have the power and concentration that only comes with age. Stone Tree provides us with the malbec for this blend and is a 250 acre vineyard in the Wahluke Slope region that focuses on Bordeaux and Rhone varieties. At about a 1000 ft elevation and resting alongside the southern side of the Saddle Mountains, this is the best picnic lunch spot, with an airplane landing strip to boot. The wind from this site is fantastic, resulting in fruit that has great color and tannins.

### Winemaker Notes

The only reserve I've ever made, this wine essentially revealed itself. 2010 was a very cold year and I noticed that warmer sites were going to have a chance to hang on the vine almost a month longer than usual. Deciding to play with large format barrels on some of our best lots, both Cold Creek and Stone Tree were aged in second fill Hogs and Puncheons. Developing noticeably superior in the cellar, we racked these individually and blended separately, to make what I consider the finest Cabernet Sauvignon I have made yet.

### Tasting Notes

75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Malbec. Rich, brooding color with notes of candied violets, earth and herbs, bitter chocolate and ground pepper. Cherries and meat find lush floral add to a complex yet balanced mouthfeel, nose and finish. Some of the nicest tannin structure of any of the Waters releases ever. Velvet. Pure velvet.