

FLYING TROUT



2013 Deep River Red Columbia Valley AVA | 120 Cases Produced



Vineyard

Windrow Vineyard fruit makes up almost half of this blend. Windrow Vineyard is the oldest commercially planted vineyard (1981) in the Walla Walla AVA. Talks to create the appellation happened on this soil. Situated on a bench created by thousands of years ago where Lower Dry Creek empties into the southern Walla Walla Valley, Windrow has a rare combination of heat during the day followed by a cool breeze flowing out of the Blue Mountains in the evenings. This diurnal shift allows us to grow our grapes until later in the season, increasing maturity while retaining enough acidity to maintain balance and structure. Windrow varies from deep deposits of windblown loess to shallow layers over gravelly cobble.

Gamache Vineyard, planted in 1982 and owned/managed by Roger Gamache, is in the White Bluffs of the Columbia Valley. Almost since our beginning, we've sourced Malbec from Roger due to the site's huge mouthfeel and subtle spices. During hot years, this Malbec manages to retain its acidity and during cold, it achieves lush ripeness when others do not. The skins are some of the thickest we work with, resulting in high tannins, color and rich phenolics.

Konnowac Vineyard has the second oldest planting of Malbec (1987) in Washington State. It sits at an 800 ft elevation on Warden Series silt loam with a slight slope aiding in both wind and frost protection. With an average of 8 inches of rainfall per year, this is a vineyard that can be hard during hard years but amazingly rewarding when attention is paid.

Winemaker Notes

2013 was one of the best winemaking vintages Washington has seen in a long time. We had a lot of advanced heat- in the spring and summer, allowing the vines to come into fall with plenty of ripeness and then, during peak ripening season, cool weather rolled in. This allowed vines to ripen to their final stages slowly and without as much stress on the pick date as you would see in hotter fall seasons. This was an almost perfect vintage for cabernet franc for these reasons. We were thrilled to be able to roll so many of our favorite vineyards and varieties into one blend in an absolutely stunning vintage.

Tasting Notes

60% Malbec, 40% Windrow Cabernet Franc. Blackberry, blueberry, big, juicy fruit, compote, bright acids, chocolate covered raisins, tomato vine, spicy empanada meat, French perfume. Strong finish and great for food pairing- this wine has it all.

Awards/Accolades

18.5/20 Points~ Rand Sealey, A Review of Washington Wines