

FLYING TROUT



2013 Old Vines Malbec Rattlesnake Hills AVA | 123 Cases Produced

Vineyard

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. We harvested our Old Vines rather early this year since everything was so far ahead of schedule. This allowed for greater acid retention, creating a food friendly and age-worthy wine. We're glad we did.

Tasting Notes

100% Konnowac Vineyard Malbec. Pie in a glass. Crushed bramble berry fest, baked dark fruit compote, strawberry patch, peach pit and Bing cherry. Pencil shavings, slate and mineral notes. A whiff of cacao nibs. Soft finish.

Awards/Accolades

19/20 Points~ Rand Sealey, A Review of Washington Wines



