



2015 NO JOKE | 71% MALBEC, 29% CAB SAUV Wahluke Slope, Washington

Vineyard

Stone Tree Vineyard sits on a 250-acre, gently sloped hillside northwest of Mattawa, Wahington in the Wahluke Slope AVA. Bounded by the Columbia River and Saddle Mountains, this site proves to be a powerhouse year after year. This is a hot site and the soils are sandy silt loam, predominately of the Scoon series. It consists of shallow, wind-blown loess deposits and is very well drained. All of these factors result in stressed vines which yield fruit that is perfect for producing rich, dense wines. Tedd Wildman is the owner-grower of this truly remarkable site.

Winemaking

"We picked both the Malbec and Cab Sauv within a week of each other. Both lots were hand picked, trucked back to the winery, destemmed fully, and fermented a little more aggressively. We keep temperatures up on both of these around 80–86 degrees to bring a little more "power" to the palate. Doing pump overs, punch downs, and delestages on both lots for the duration of each ferment. Pressed off then barreled down separately, native ML on both lots. This wine is one of only a few blended wines we've done and is truly the real deal. This wine will need a little time to sit down but when you crack it open and tame this beast you'll fall 100% in love."

-Ryan Crane, Juice Master

Tasting Notes

This wine is like Beauty and the Beast with beautiful voluptuous aromatics paired with a beastly structure and grip. You are immediately introduced to an intriguing bouquet of violets, black plums, and light sage. Flavors of red raspberry, a spectrum of black fruit, with exotic floral notes are sleek and slinky on the palate. Once you get to know this little enigma you'll be begging for more.

Technical Analysis

Appellation: Wahluke Slope
Varietal Composition: 71% Malbec, 29% Cabernet Sauvignon
Harvest Dates: September 24th 2015
Alcohol: 14.3%
pH: 3.80
Total Acid: 0.55g/100mL
Cooperages: 30% new Sylvain Reserve & Grande Reserve
70% neutral French oak
Bottling Date: February 23rd 2017
Cases Bottled: 165

• **Regular Price: \$40** • **Club Price: \$34**



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