



# 2010 Aridisol Red Columbia Valley

**DavenLore**  
winery

**CASES PRODUCED: 84**

## WINEMAKER NOTES

This year's Aridisol, like the 2009 vintage, mostly is a Rhone blend with a Bordeaux twist, a tad of Malbec. This is a big wine. The heady weight comes from Syrah and Durif. The 2010 Malbec was the ideal blending choice. Malbec can be overpowering, but here supports the Syrah and Durif.

Raspberry and hazelnut aromas emerge first, followed by spiced meat, leather and anise. The medium plus toasted oak barrels produce a flavor of Mackintosh Toffee that I remember from childhood. As hefty as this wine is, the soft, pleasant structure is almost a surprise. Enjoy! I know I will. *Gord Taylor, Winemaker*

## VINEYARDS

**Location:** NEWHOUSE VINEYARD, SNIPES MOUNTAIN

**Date Planted:** 1999 **Slope:** South

**Soil:** Harwood-Burke-Wiehl silt loam formed in the Snipes MT conglomerate. High level worn river cobbles prior to last ice age.

**Location:** ZEPHYR RIDGE VINEYARD, HORSE HEAVEN HILLS

**Date Planted:** 1997 **Aspect:** South

**Soil:** Quincy sand. This soil is very deep, excessively drained and formed on sand dunes.

**Location:** DOUBLE CANYON VINEYARD, HORSE HEAVEN HILLS

**Date Planted:** 2007 **Block** 66H1 **Cultivar:** Clone 9

**Soil:** Sagehill silt loam. Fine sandy loam. This well drained, very deep soil formed in lacustrine sediments with a mantle of loess on terraces.

**Location:** FAR AWAY VINEYARD, BLOCK 15, SR 241, YAKIMA VALLEY

**Planted:** 2003, virgin soil **Aspect:** East

**Soil:** Scoon Series. Shallow, well drained soils formed in loess and silty alluvium over a duripan. Scoon soils are on terraces and alluvial fans.

## WINEMAKING

**SYRAH • NEWHOUSE VINEYARD**

**Harvested by Hand:** October 13 2010 **Brix:** 26.5 **pH:** 3.63

**Yeast:** Anchor Yeast NT-112

**Fermentation:** 7 days **Maximum temperature:** 89°F

**DURIF • ZEPHYR RIDGE VINEYARD**

**Harvested by Hand:** October 11 2010 **Brix:** 22.0 **pH:** 3.37

**Yeast:** Lallemant EC1118

**Fermentation:** 6 days **Maximum temperature:** 87°F

**MALBEC • DOUBLE CANYON VINEYARD**

**Harvested by Hand:** October 20 2010 **Brix:** 24.0 **pH:** 3.51

**Yeast:** Anchor NT-112

**Fermentation:** 6 days **Maximum temperature:** 85°F

## ARIDISOL RED

COLUMBIA VALLEY

**Wine Lore:** While the western side of Washington reflects the state motto The Evergreen State, the irrigated central portion of the state is populated with Aridisols. The soils vary from shallow to deep, rocky to silty to sandy, but all of the soils are in a category that soil scientists define as "Aridisols" an anagram for Arid Soils. This fine wine is a blend of premium red wine grapes grown on desert soils.



## TECHNICAL DATA

**Alcohol:** 13.8%

**Blend:**

44% Syrah Newhouse Vineyard  
28% Durif Zephyr Ridge Vineyard  
21% Malbec Double Canyon Vineyard  
7% Mourvèdre Far Away Vineyard

**Cases produced:** 84

**Bottled:** August 31, 2012

**Potential Aging:** 0-5 years

## FOOD PAIRINGS

Rack of lamb  
Stuffed pork chops  
Pasta primavera  
Mushroom risotto

