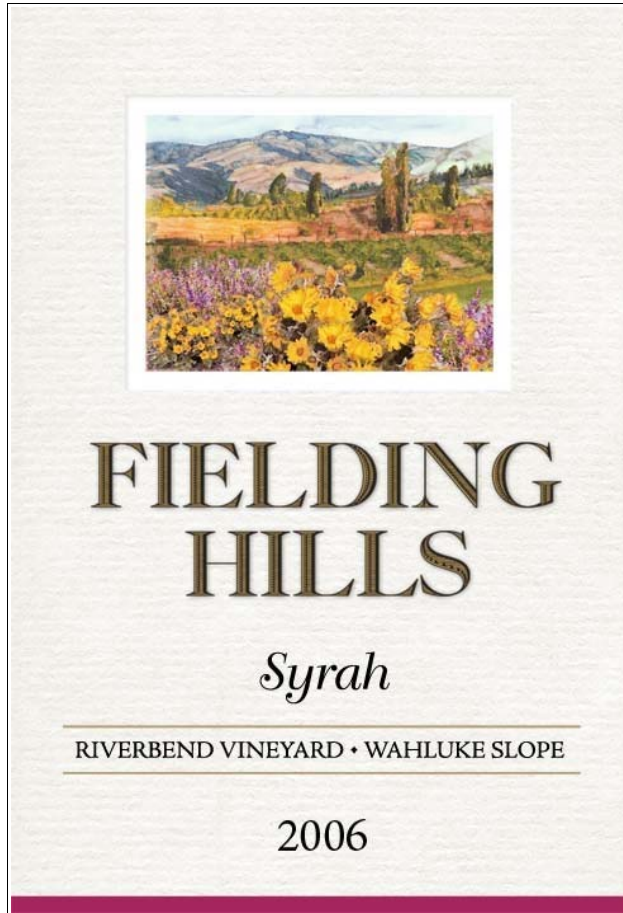


~ Winemaker Notes/Vintage Information ~



Vintage: 2006
Variety: Syrah
Blend: 92% Syrah, 4% Merlot, 4% Cabernet Sauvignon
Components: Alcohol- 14.7%; pH- 3.60; T.A.- .66
Appellation: Wahluke Slope
Vineyard: RiverBend Vineyards
Winemaker: Mike Wade, Co-owner Fielding Hills Winery
Harvest: October 2006 early morning hand harvested into small lugs
Vinification: Harvest lugs are individually inspected, with grapes clusters then stemmed and crushed directly into small "one-ton" fermentors. The must is then allowed to settle for 24 hours when a combination of *Prise de Mousse* & *Pasteur Red* yeast was added. Twice each day the must is checked and punched down. When nearly dry, the free run wine is transferred directly into oak barrels. Bottled unfinned and unfiltered resulting in superb color, clarity, and flavor.
Aging: 19 months in a combination of American and French oak barrels; 77% new
Production: 177 cases
Bottling date: May 18, 2008
Release date: October 1, 2008
Tasting Notes: "Supple, ripe and spicy, with a veil of peppery, meaty flavors and tannins draping themselves around a core of ripe currant, blueberry and plum flavors. The finish sails on nicely. Best from 2010 through 2016." 92 pts. *Wine Spectator (H.S.)*

"Dark berry, tobacco, sweet leather, chocolate and spices are wrapped in a smooth, voluptuous mouth feel. White truffles lend another dimension to a wine that gives you something to think about as it lingers on the finish." *(B.R. Wine Bin)*

"Heady, dark aromas of violets, bacon smoke, espresso bean, and spiced black berries announce the arrival. Multi-dimensional and layered, the black berries, plums and currant just don't stop giving. The tannins are present, balanced by big fruit and acidity, creating a Washington Syrah that's at once burly and nimble." *(J. Y. Avalon Wine)*

Fielding Hills Winery was started in July 2000 by Mike & Karen Wade. The grapes are from estate grown, family owned RiverBend Vineyards in Mattawa, WA. The winery is located in East Wenatchee, WA. The winemaking methods utilize a small lot, hand crafted style.

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