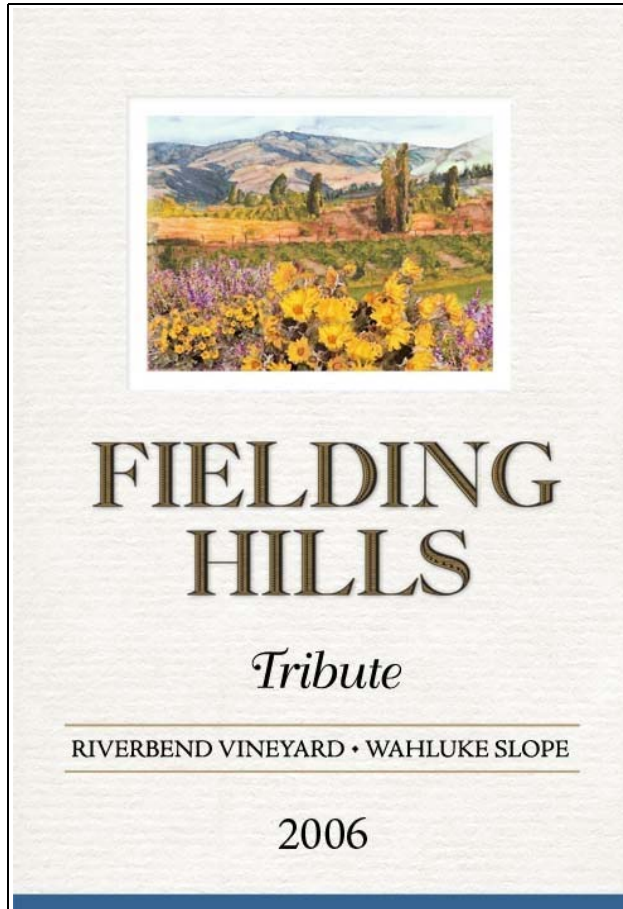


## ~ Winemaker Notes/Vintage Information ~



**Vintage:** 2006  
**Variety:** Red Blend - "Tribute"  
**Blend:** 41% Syrah, 30% Merlot, 27% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Cabernet Franc  
**Components:** Alcohol- 14.3%; pH- 3.49; T.A.- .69  
**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 unfiltered and unfiltered resulting in superb color, clarity, and flavor.  
**Aging:** 19 months in a combination of American and French oak barrels; 77% new  
**Production:** 163 cases  
**Bottling date:** May 17, 2008  
**Release date:** October 1, 2008  
**Tasting Notes:** "Fresh Raspberries and cream greet you at the door. As you step into the wine, boysenberry, chocolate, licorice and clove are also in the room. The atmosphere is elegant as you glide along on the polished satin foundation. The tannins are finely integrated on the beautiful finish. Elegant, intricate and solid. A lovely tribute." *(B.R. Wine Bin)*

"Delicious, huge black cherry and mocha flavors fill your mouth, adding sweet plum, tobacco and anise on the long, slightly chewy finish." *(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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