

~ Winemaker Notes/Vintage Information ~



FIELDING HILLS

Cabernet Franc

RIVERBEND VINEYARD • WAHLUKE SLOPE

2007

- Vintage:** 2007
Variety: Cabernet Franc
Blend: 88% Cabernet Franc, 6% Syrah, 4% Merlot, 2% Cabernet Sauvignon
Components: Alcohol- 15.5%; pH- 3.71; T.A.- .61
Appellation: Wahluke Slope
Vineyard: RiverBend Vineyards
Winemaker: Mike Wade, Co-owner Fielding Hills Winery
Harvest: October 2007 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; 72% new
Production: 134 cases
Bottling date: May 9, 2009
Release date: September 1, 2009
Tasting Notes: "Like the merlot, it's quite liquorous at the moment, but also full of ripe fruits – raspberry, blueberry, boysenberry – as it opens in the glass the varietal flavors begin to emerge, with hints of coffee and light herb." (*P. Greggut*)

"A standout Washington Cabernet Franc. The Riverbend Vineyard is producing some of the richest Cab Franc in Washington. Lush chocolate cherry liquor wafts from the glass. Plenty of ripeness enhances the creamy chocolate and giant black cherry and blackberry flavors. In the finish, red fruit (raspberry, tart red cherry) add vibrance, and pepper, baking spices, and bramble add depth. As the wine opens, smoke and a meatiness emerge in the flavor." (*J. Y. Avalon Wine*)

Awards/Ratings: 90 pts. Wine Enthusiast; Double Gold 2010 Seattle Wine Awards

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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