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FIELDING HILLS

Cabernet Sauvignon

RIVERBEND VINEYARD • WAHLUKE SLOPE

2007

- Vintage:** 2007
Variety: Cabernet Sauvignon
Blend: 88% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Syrah, 3% Merlot, 1% Cabernet Franc
Components: Alcohol- 15.6%; pH- 3.57; T.A.- .67
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: 189 cases
Bottling date: May 8, 2009
Release date: September 1, 2009
Tasting Notes: "This is a spicy take on cabernet, with some of the pepper and smoked meat character of syrah coming through, despite the fairly small amount in the blend. The concentration of cassis and black cherry fruit is astonishing; matched with ripe tannins that hint at black olive." *(P. Greggut)*

"The most sophisticated of the Fielding Hills wines and the most lauded. The 2007 vintage is the best ever from the Riverbend Vineyard. Scents of chocolate cherries, graham, sweet tobacco, Chambord, and dark roasted espresso bean explode from the glass. The scent continues in the flavor, with the addition of sweet blackberry, licorice, and a firm, vibrant core of tannins for aging. The vibrance of the vintage brings a bright uplift that calls for another sip - quickly!" *(J. Y. Avalon Wine)*

Awards/Ratings: 95 pts. Wine Enthusiast; 91 pts. Wine Spectator; 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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