



2005 Cabernet Franc

~Winemaker Notes/Vintage Information ~

Vintage: 2005
Variety: Cabernet Franc
Blend: 81% Cabernet Franc, 7% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Syrah & 6% Merlot
Components: Alcohol- 15.02%; pH- 3.52; TA- .60
Appellation: Wahluke Slope
Vineyard/Source: Riverbend Vineyards, Mattawa , WA
Winemaker: Mike Wade; co-owner Fielding Hills Winery
Harvest: October 2005 early morning hand harvested into small 25 pound harvest 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 transferred directly into oak barrels with the remaining must gently pressed in a small press. 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: 119 cases
Bottling date: May 20, 2007
Release date: October 1, 2007

Tasting Notes: "Lovely cherry and sandalwood notes framed in with modest toasty chocolate. The fine tannins guide the finish. This is a friendly wine with wonderful finesse."
B. R.
"Scents are complex, incorporating slate, pencil lead, restrained red and black fruit and lots of mineral notes. Flavors are totally ripe sweet black fruit highlighted by white pepper and tremendously appealing desert herbs/garrigue. Plum, black cherry, black raspberry, sage, marjoram, field dust, white pepper, and licorice. The finish of this wine is smooth, enhancing the complexity of the wine by providing contrast - the liltingly refreshing acidity is balanced against the lush richness of ripe fruit." J. Y. @avalonwine.com

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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