



2005 RiverBend Red

~Winemaker Notes/Vintage Information ~

Vintage:	2005
Variety:	RiverBend Red
Blend:	46% Cabernet Sauvignon, 42% Merlot, 11% Syrah, & 1% Cabernet Franc
Components:	Alcohol- 14.7%; pH- 3.48; TA- .64
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 is transferred directly into oak barrels with the remaining must gently pressed in a small press. Bottled unfined and unfiltered resulting in superb color, clarity, and flavor.
Aging:	19 months in a combination of American and French oak barrels; 77% new
Production:	145 cases
Bottling date:	May 19, 2007
Release date:	October 1, 2007
Tasting Notes:	<p>“Loads of cherry, boysenberry and black plum are backed by suave sweet tobacco notes. The texture is slightly chewy with a tannic grip. It all plays through nicely on the long, lingering finish. B. R.</p> <p>“Yumm yumm- huge black cherry and toasted coffee bean nose with succulent hints of bittersweet chocolate, black cherry and plum. Flavors are simply delicious - sweet lush red and black fruit with just a hint of fresh tobacco, toasted coffee bean, and a hearty dollop of spicy white pepper. Finish is very long, with black cherry, white pepper and spice restating themselves. Tannins are smooth and beautifully integrated, with acidity adding just the right amount of freshness and juiciness.” J.Y. @ avalonwine.com</p>

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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