

Eliana's Blend

2012 | COLUMBIA VALLEY RED WINE



50% Dionysus Vineyard Petit Verdot
50% Upland Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

pH: 3.95

TA: 5.3 g/liter

RS: <0.5 g/liter

14.5% alcohol

45 cases produced



Harvest and Winemaking

Dionysus Vineyard Petit Verdot was hand harvested on October 12. The vineyard is planted on a steep southwest facing slope. These sun soaked vines produce ultra-ripe and luxurious Petit Verdot. Upland Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon was picked on October 24. The vines were planted in 1973 and are farmed by Todd Newhouse.

Both the Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit Verdot were hand harvested and hand sorted prior to destemming. Native yeast conducted the fermentation and only the free run wine is in Eliana's Blend. Denise and Brett Isenhower selected the best Tonnellerie Boutes barrels from each lot to create Eliana's Blend. The wine was blended in August 2013 and bottled in August 2014. Only 45 cases produced.

Tasting

Petit Verdot notes are in the lead with blackberry and pencil lead. Cabernet Sauvignon quickly follows with dark raspberry / subtle eucalyptus notes. The contrasting elements of expressive Cabernet with a darker, brooding Petit Verdot make for a fascinating start to this wine.

A full, rich and balanced attack has beautiful fruit from both varietals completely integrated. Eliana's Blend has a weighty, viscous sensation and good acid all wrapped up together from the start. Medium tannins join midway through to carry things, along with a subtle brininess and black tea. A layer of spice emerges midway through contributing to complexity and length. Artwork by Eliana Isenhower, age 6.

Denise and Brett Isenhower founded their winery in 1999. They are committed to sustainable winemaking through low input farming, native yeast fermentation, natural corks, American made bottles, no capsules, and recycled paper labels.

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