

El Conquistador

2013 | COLUMBIA VALLEY



54% Tempranillo
37% Mourvèdre
9% Syrah

Echo Ridge Vineyard Tempranillo
Wallula Vineyard Mourvèdre
Olsen Ranch Vineyard Clone 877 Syrah

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

pH 3.95

TA: 5.1

RS: <0.5 g/liter

13.9% alcohol

271 cases produced



Harvest and Winemaking

2013 was one of the warmest growing seasons on record with unusually warm temperatures in August and September followed by a cooler but drier than usual October resulting in plush and savory red wines. The Tempranillo was picked on Sept. 17, Mourvèdre on October 10, and Syrah on October 15. All grapes were hand harvested, hand sorted and destemmed. The Syrah had 25% whole clusters added to the destemmed berries. Primary fermentation was carried out by yeasts native to the respective vineyard. The fermentations were punched down three times daily until near complete dryness was reached.

Only the free run wine was retained for the El Conquistador. The secondary fermentation was also native and occurred in barrel. Each lot of wine was barreled stirred a minimum of three times to

increase the mouthfeel in the mid-palette of the resulting wine.

The blended El Conquistador was aged in one new American oak barrel and ten used French and American oak barrels. The wine was polished filtered and bottled in September 2014 into American made glass, natural corks, and 100% recycled paper labels.

Tasting

El Conquistador back after a 5 year hiatus. This underground semi-cult wine was a one time only wine but you demanded another.

The Tempranillo from Echo Ridge is a modern style that tastes of cherries, cinnamon, leather, and cardamom. Mourvèdre adds spicy & wild cherry notes. Syrah deepens the color and adds some hints of white pepper. Enjoy through 2023. 271 cases produced.

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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