

Olivia's Blend

2013 | COLUMBIA VALLEY



100% Cabernet Sauvignon

50% Upland Vineyard clone 8
50% Wallula Vineyard clone 685

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

pH: 3.86

TA: 5.10 g/liter

RS: 0.2 g/liter

14.5% alc. by vol.

46 cases produced



Harvest and Winemaking

2013 was one of the warmest vintages we have experienced until a series of Pacific storms hit the Northwest in early October. The weather immediately changed to cool fall days and cold night. The weather change allowed the block 15 Cabernet Sauvignon grapes at Wallula Vineyard to hang on the vine until hand harvest on October 23rd.

Wallula Vineyard is one of Washington's most beautiful vineyards. It is perched on several outcroppings and slopes above the Columbia River in an area known as Wallula Gap. Block 15 is a higher elevation block and ripens slower than blocks closer to the river. Upland Vineyard is one of Washington's oldest Cabernet sites (planted in 1973). It is a joy to work with fruit from old vines as they are majestic to view.

After the Cabernet Sauvignon grapes were picked, we hand sorted the clusters, destemmed, and bled off 8% of the juice to further concentrate the flavors in the resulting wine. The native yeasts fermented the wine to dryness and only the free run wine was retained after pressing.

Denise and Brett Isenhower selected the best barrel from each lot to create Olivia's Blend. The wine was blended in August 2014 and bottled in December 2015. Only 46 cases were produced. Artwork by Olivia Isenhower, age 11.

Tasting

Olivia's Blend has a nice concentration of dark raspberry, plum and cedar notes. The aromatics are nicely integrated from the extra bottle age and high quality barrels.

The mouthfeel is smooth and rich with copious extract and well integrated tannins on the finish. The middle grain tannins are all in balance which provides richness and depth along the way supporting an even finish with nice length. Olivia's Blend is complete in every way, hitting on each touchstone for wines of elegance, complexity and beauty.

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