



## TASTING NOTES

### 2001 Columbia Valley Red Paintbrush

85 percent Merlot (Sundance Vineyard)

9 percent Cabernet Sauvignon (Sundance Vineyard)

6 percent Syrah (Wild Alfalfa Blend)

#### Winemakers' Notes

All wine grapes were destemmed and placed into 1 ton open top bins. Minimal quantities of yeast were added for inoculation and additions of B-vitamins and nitrogen for yeast health was added to the fermentation. The cap was punched down twice daily. The fermentation peak temperature averaged 87° to 92°F. No enzymes or other winemaking chemicals were added. All wines were pressed at dryness and finished malo-lactic fermentation in barrel.

The Merlot was aged in 100% new American oak barrels for five months then racked to once filled French Oak barrels. The Cabernet Sauvignon & Syrah was aged in 100% new French Oak. Bottled after 14 months of barrel aging.

**Ratings:** "88 points" Wine Spectator, September 30, 2003 issue.

**Notes:** Vivid dark red color. Candied red fruits (plums and cherries), toasty oak on the nose. Juicy Syrah mouth feel and cabernet leafiness. Seamless structure. Soft tannins and excellent balancing acids provide an excellent matching for dinners featuring pork and chicken, especially prepared BBQ style!

Red Paintbrush is a wildflower that grows in the Blue Mountains above Walla Walla and the Wallowa Mountains of Eastern Oregon. The day Isenhower Cellars was bonded we were hiking in the Wallowa Mountains and there was Red Paintbrush all along the trail. We love the metaphor for blending Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Syrah and the name complements our Van Gogh style label.

Bottled on December 12, 2002 498 cases produced.

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