



## 2008 Red Mountain Snapdragon (55% Roussanne 45% Viognier)

### vineyard

Ciel du Cheval, initially planted in 1972 by Jim Holmes, is one of the world's most highly praised vineyards in Washington. The Viognier was planted in 1994 and is the second oldest planting of viognier in Washington. The Roussanne is the Tablas Creek Clone and was planted at Ciel in 2000. The Roussanne is planted in Warden Silt Loam and the Viognier is planted in multiple soil types. Both vines are trained on a fan system to provide shade for the grape clusters, which gives the resulting wine a touch of elegance and prevents the grapes from getting sunburned.

### tasting

The 2008 Snapdragon is comprised of 55% Roussanne and 45% Viognier. It is a delicious and fresh rhone style white wine that bursts with aromas of tangerines, peaches, and rose hips. Flavors of citrus and stone fruits are perfectly balanced with natural acidity. There is no residual sugar in the Snapdragon. Enjoy though 2012 and serve with white fish, crustaceans, sushi, and Thai.

### harvest and elevage

The Roussanne grapes were hand harvested on September 23 (23.4 brix, 3.4 pH, 6.1 g/l TA) and the Viognier grapes were hand harvested on October 5 (24.5 brix, 3.23 pH, 6.6 g/l TA). Both were gently "whole cluster" pressed. Each variety was fermented separately in stainless steel tanks at 65 F to complete dryness (both required a 5 week fermentation). The malo-lactic fermentation was prevented from occurring. The Snapdragon was blended, filtered, and bottled in February 2009.