

2010 ESTATE RESERVE

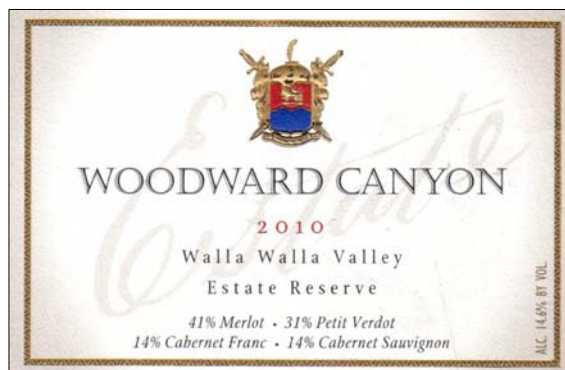
Varietal Composition: 41% merlot
31 % petit verdot
14 % cabernet franc
14 % cabernet sauvignon

Bottling Date: August 2, 2012

Alcohol by Volume: 14.6 %

Release Date: Fall 2013

Production: 173 cases



Vineyard:

All grapes are sustainably grown at our Walla Walla Valley Woodward Canyon Estate Vineyard. Since 2008, our vineyard has been *certified sustainable* by the International Organisation for Biological Control (IOBC) & LIVE. The IOBC was established in 1955 to promote environmentally safe methods of pest and disease control in plant protection. The vineyard is also *designated as Salmon Safe*. This wine is 100% from the Estate Vineyard also making it a certified Salmon Safe wine.

Production Notes and Vintage Specific Characteristics:

This Woodward Canyon Estate Reserve is assembled from the finest Estate Vineyard lots produced in 2010. It is indeed gratifying to produce such a classic Walla Walla Valley red wine. The Estate Vineyard has always been a rather low yielding property and 2010 was no different. Average yield was less than two tons per acre in 2010. This particular vintage was cooler with grapes taking much longer to ripen than 2009.

This wine was fermented in small 2000 liter open top tanks with native yeast and was punched down two times per day. After pressing, this wine went directly to new French chateau barrels for maturation and development.

As might be expected with such low yields, the resulting wine is concentrated with generous black fruit and cassis. A breadth of complex baking spice and vanilla from new oak integrate beautifully with firm merlot and petit verdot dominated fruit. A nose of ripe black fruits and sweet pipe tobacco develops in the glass; the color is deeply purple. A generous texture transitions to a firm and very well balanced mouth feel; the finish is rich, layered and long. In this wine there is a distinct “expression” or “sense of place” from our Estate Vineyard. With proper cellaring, this wine should age for ten years.
