
Latah Creek

WINE CELLARS

Wahluke Slope

MALBEC

2012



BACKGROUND

Father/daughter winemaking team, Mike and Natalie, love their red wine repertoire, but they also love added trend wines into the mix. Such is the case with their Malbec. This increasingly popular variety grows exceptionally well in the environs of Washington State and produces a wonderful full-bodied red reminiscent of its French origin.

SOURCING

Alice Vineyard

VARIETAL

100% Malbec

WINEMAKING

The 2012 vintage is being heralded as one of the best growing seasons for red varieties. This is evident in Latah Creek's 2012 Malbec. It is Mike and Natalie's winemaking style to produce red wines with a lower alcohol content (12.5%-13.5%). They believe that this allows the varietal characteristics to shine, producing a fruit-forward and balanced wine. The wine went through a secondary fermentation, increasing its smooth mouthfeel, and 12 months in a combination of French and American oak to soften the edges.

ANALYSIS

Harvest Data: October 12, 2012 Brix: 23.1 TA: 0.65 pH: 3.45

Alc.: 12.5%

Bottled: July 10, 2014 | 450 cases | Released: November 2015

WINEMAKERS

Mike Conway and Natalie Conway-Barnes

TASTING NOTES

Ripe blackberry and raspberry aromas greet your nose immediately, with additional hints of dried herbs. This dark and intensely flavored wine fills your mouth with wonderful ripe berry characters while hints of oak, vanilla, and plum linger on long after the wine is swallowed.

FOOD PAIRING

Enjoy this wine with meats, game, and robust, spicy meals such as Ellena's Cracked Pepper Steak recipe in her latest cookbook.

ACCOLADES

'11 Vintage:

Gold, Seattle Wine Awards 2014

Double Gold, Wine Press NW Platinum Judging 2014

'12 Vintage

Bronze, Savor NW Wine Awards 2016

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