
Latah Creek

WINE CELLARS

Wahluke Slope

ELLENA'S SANGIOVESE

2012



BACKGROUND

After a visit to Italy, Mike and Ellena came home in love with Chiantis. The light, everyday-style of this wine appealed to them because of its easy drinking and versatile food pairing. Upon returning home, Mike was able to find Sangiovese grapes (the main grape in Italian Chiantis) in the Wahluke Slope AVA, his favorite red wine growing region. This wine quickly became not only a staff favorite and an Ellena favorite, but a customer favorite as well. This is why it was so devastating when Latah Creek's vines were destroyed with a deep freeze in 2010. Natalie was able to find recently planted Sangiovese vines from their Chenin Blanc grower; therefore, after nearly two years of missing this wine, it was back. Since this is Ellena's absolute favorite varietal, father/daughter winemaking team, Mike and Natalie have designated it as Ellena's Sangiovese.

SOURCING

Michael Vineyard

VARIETAL

100% Sangiovese

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 Sangiovese. 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 10, 2012 Brix: 23.9 TA: 0.69 pH: 3.39

Alc.: 12.5%

Bottled: July 10, 2014 | 477 cases | Released: August 2014

WINEMAKERS

Mike Conway and Natalie Conway-Barnes

TASTING NOTES

As soon as the wine enters the glass, earthy aromas and nuances of oak and tart cherry fill the air. This deliciously smooth Sangiovese tastes of cherry, oak vanillin, and spice with lingering flavors of cardamom and dark chocolate.

FOOD PAIRING

Enjoy this wine with meats, grilled vegetables, and hearty red sauce pastas, such as Ellena's Fabulous Spaghetti Sauce recipe in her latest cookbook.

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