

HISTORY of WINERY

COUGAR CREST ESTATE WINERY

Located in the Walla Walla Valley, Cougar Crest Estate Winery and its three vineyards are owned and operated by David and Deborah Hansen. In 1999 Cougar Hills Vineyard was planted followed by Noble Rock in 2000. Cougar Hills Vineyard is located in the southwest foothills of the Walla Walla Valley, Noble Rock Vineyard can be found three miles east in a rich and rocky riverbed.

The original vineyard was established in the 1920's by a physician, Dr. Golden. He made and sold wine for "medicinal purposes" during Prohibition. Since then the land had grown tomatoes, apples, and now has returned to growing wine grapes.

The move from growing grapes to making wine was a natural process for the Hansen's, two people with a passion for wine and strong scientific backgrounds. In 2001 they established Cougar Crest Estate Winery at the Walla Walla airport. The first vintage consisted of 900 cases and earned countless awards.

The 2001 vintages of Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon both won Gold Medal and Best of Class at the Los Angeles Int'l Wine Competition, the oldest and largest competition in the United States. The Cabernet Sauvignon earned 'Best of Class' and 'Best of Show' as the best Cabernet of the entire competition and went on to earn a "91" rating in Wine Spectator. The 2002 Syrah scored "94" in Wine Spectator and was in the Top 100 Wine in the World.

The Merlot, Cabernet, and Reserve wines have consistently earned "90" to "94" points in Wine Spectator, garnering new recognition with every vintage. Since 2001 Cougar Crest Estate Winery has produced award winning wines, continuing to please connoisseurs across the country.

HISTORY of WINEMAKER WINEMAKER DEBORAH HANSEN

Deborah Hansen became a winemaker through a gradual and occasionally rocky process. Initially Deborah earned a degree in pharmacy from Washington State University. Her initial training in chemistry, biology, and bacteriology would prove useful down the road when she began making wine.

Upon relocating to the San Francisco Bay Area in the late 1970's, the Hansen's developed a keen interest in wine production and grape growing. While traveling to Napa, Sonoma, Mendocino, and the coastal regions of California they learned to appreciate different styles of winemaking and the effects of terroir on wine taste and quality.

While working and raising children in California, David and Deborah knew that they wanted to return to the Northwest. To make their dream a reality, they purchased several small farms in the Walla Walla Valley and decided to plant apple orchards. In 1996 the family moved to the Walla Walla Valley to begin a new life on the farms.

Raising children on the farms in a small community seemed idyllic until the apple markets plummeted, resulting in a difficult choice. The love of wine led to the decision to remove the apple trees and plant wine grapes. After a couple years of homemade wine the Hansen's started a commercial estate winery.

Deborah decided to fill the role of winemaker and went back to school at the University of California, Davis to specialize in enology. Her education there awakened a new passion for learning and a desire to excel at the ancient art of winemaking. It is the challenges of new vintages that excite Deborah in her new career as winemaker at Cougar Crest Estate Winery.

AWARDS & ACCOLADES

SYRAH

2012 **CURRENT RELEASE**

- 2016 BEST OF CLASS SUNSET INT'L WINE COMP
- 2016 GOLD SUNSET INT'L WINE COMP
- 2016 GOLD SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE

2010

- 2014 DOUBLE GOLD SEATTLE WINE AWARDS
- 2014 GOLD PACIFIC RIM WINE COMPETITION
- 2014 GOLD SAN DIEGO INT'L WINE COMPETITION
- 2014 GOLD CRITICS CHALLENGE INT'L WINE COMP
- 2014 GOLD SAN FRANCISCO INT'L WINE COMP

2009 **91 POINTS WINE SPECTATOR**

- 2013 GOLD SAN DIEGO INT'L WINE COMPETITION
- 2013 GOLD INDY INT'L WINE COMPETITION

2008

- 2013 BEST OF CLASS RIVERSIDE INT'L WINE COMP
- 2013 GOLD RIVERSIDE INT'L WINE COMPETITION
- 2013 GOLD SAN DIEGO WINE COMPETITION
- 2013 GOLD CRITICS CHALLENGE INT'L WINE COMP

2006 **92 POINTS WINE SPECTATOR**

- 2016 DIAMOND OF THE DECADE SEATTLE WINE AWARDS
- 2010 CHAIRMAN'S BEST OF CLASS LONG BEACH GRAND CRU
- 2009 DOUBLE GOLD WINE PRESS NORTHWEST
- 2009 DOUBLE GOLD RIVERSIDE INTERNATIONAL WINE COMP
- 2010 GOLD SEATTLE WINE AWARDS
- 2009 GOLD GRAND HARVEST AWARDS

2005 **93 POINTS WINE ENTHUSIAST**

90 POINTS WINE ADVOCATE

- 2008 PLATINUM WINE PRESS NORTHWEST
- 2009 OUTSTANDING SEATTLE WINE AWARDS
- 2008 GOLD WASHINGTON STATE WINE COMPETITION

2004 **90 POINTS WINE SPECTATOR**

2003

- 2006 GOLD WASHINGTON STATE WINE COMPETITION

2002 **# 33 TOP 100 WINES OF THE WORLD, WINE**

SPECTATOR, JANUARY 15, 2005 ISSUE

94 POINTS WINE SPECTATOR

- 2004 CONCORDANCE AWARD (UNANIMOUS GOLD AT INDY INTERNATIONAL WINE COMPETITION)
- 2004 GOLD AND BEST OF CLASS AT INDY INT'L WINE COMP
- 2004 GOLD WASHINGTON STATE WINE COMPETITION
- 2004 GOLD INTERNATIONAL EASTERN WINE COMPETITION

CABERNET FRANC

2012 **93 POINTS SAN DIEGO INT'L WINE & SPIRITS CHALLENGE**

- 2016 BEST CABERNET FRANC SAN DIEGO INT'L WINE & SPIRITS
- 2016 GOLD SAN DIEGO INT'L WINE & SPIRITS CHALLENGE
- 2016 GOLD SEATTLE WINE AWARDS
- 2016 GOLD PACIFIC RIM WINE COMPETITION

2011 **91 POINTS WINE SPECTATOR**

- 2015 DOUBLE GOLD SEATTLE WINE AWARDS
- 2015 DOUBLE GOLD SAN FRANCISCO INT'L WINE COMPETITION
- 2015 GOLD SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE WINE COMPETITION

2010 **CURRENT RELEASE 91 POINTS WINE SPECTATOR**

- 2014 GOLD SEATTLE WINE AWARDS

2009 **93 POINTS WINE SPECTATOR**

- 2013 GOLD PACIFIC RIM WINE COMPETITION
- 2013 GOLD SAN FRANCISCO INT'L WINE COMPETITION
- 2013 GOLD INDY INTERNATIONAL WINE COMPETITION

2008

- 2012 GOLD PACIFIC RIM WINE COMPETITION

2007 **93 POINTS WINE SPECTATOR**

- 2010 GOLD INDY INTERNATIONAL WINE COMPETITION

2006 **92 POINTS WINE SPECTATOR**

- 2009 DOUBLE GOLD FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL WINE COMP
- 2009 DOUBLE GOLD INTERNATIONAL EASTERN WINE COMP
- 2009 GOLD PACIFIC RIM INTERNATIONAL WINE COMP
- 2005 **93 POINTS WINE SPECTATOR**
- 2003 **90 POINTS WINE SPECTATOR**
- 2002 **90 POINTS WINE SPECTATOR**
- 2004 GOLD INDY INTERNATIONAL WINE COMPETITION
- 2004 GOLD WEST COAST WINE COMPETITION

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

- 2012 **CURRENT RELEASE**
- 2016 GOLD INDY INTERNATIONAL WINE COMPETITION
- 2011 **90 POINTS SAN DIEGO INT'L WINE COMP**
- 2015 GOLD SAN DIEGO INT'L WINE COMPETITION
- 2015 GOLD SEATTLE WINE AWARDS
- 2010 **91 POINTS WINE SPECTATOR**
- 2014 PLATINUM CRITICS CHALLENGE INT'L WINE COMP
- 2014 GOLD PACIFIC RIM WINE COMPETITION
- 2009 **91 POINTS WINE SPECTATOR**
- 2013 GOLD INDY INTERNATIONAL WINE COMPETITION
- 2008 **93 POINTS WINE SPECTATOR**
- 2012 GOLD INDY INTERNATIONAL WINE COMPETITION
- 2006 **93 POINTS WINE SPECTATOR**
- 2016 DIAMOND OF THE DECADE SEATTLE WINE AWARDS
- 2009 DOUBLE GOLD INTERNATIONAL EASTERN WINE COMP
- 2009 DOUBLE GOLD WINE PRESS NORTHWEST
- 2009 DOUBLE GOLD SEATTLE WINE AWARDS
- 2009 GOLD LONG BEACH GRAND CRU
- 2003 **TOP 100 CABERNETS IN THE WORLD, WINE SPECTATOR, MAY 15, 2007 ISSUE**
- 90 POINTS WINE SPECTATOR**
- 2006 DOUBLE GOLD WINE PRESS NORTHWEST
- 2006 GOLD INDY INTERNATIONAL WINE COMPETITION
- 2002 **89 POINTS WINE SPECTATOR**
- GOLD WASHINGTON STATE WINE COMPETITION
- GOLD NORTHWEST WINE SUMMIT
- 2001 **91 POINTS WINE SPECTATOR**
- 2003 BEST OF CLASS LA COUNTY FAIR COMPETITION
- 2003 BEST CABERNET SAUVIGNON OF SHOW
- 2003 GOLD LA COUNTY FAIR COMPETITION

ANNIVERSARY CUVÉE

- 2012
- 2011
- 2015 GOLD SEATTLE WINE AWARDS
- 2010 **CURRENT RELEASE**
- 2014 BEST OF CLASS PACIFIC RIM WINE COMPETITION
- 2014 GOLD MEDAL PACIFIC RIM WINE COMPETITION
- 2014 GOLD SEATTLE WINE AWARDS
- 2014 GOLD CRITICS CHALLENGE INT'L WINE COMP
- 2014 GOLD SAN FRANCISCO INT'L WINE COMP
- 2009 **93 POINTS WINE SPECTATOR**
- 2013 GOLD SAN FRANCISCO INT'L WINE COMPETITION
- 2013 GOLD INDY INTERNATIONAL WINE COMPETITION
- 2008 **91 POINTS WINE SPECTATOR**
- 2013 DOUBLE GOLD SEATTLE WINE AWARDS
- 2012 GOLD GRAND HARVEST AWARDS
- 2007 **92 POINTS WINE SPECTATOR**
- 2011 BEST OF SHOW NEXT GENERATION WINE COMPETITION
- 2011 BEST OF CLASS NEXT GENERATION WINE COMPETITION
- 2011 BEST RED WINE NEXT GENERATION WINE COMP
- 2011 DOUBLE GOLD NEXT GENERATION WINE COMPETITION
- 2006 **90 POINTS WINE SPECTATOR**
- 2009 PLATINUM WINE PRESS NORTHWEST
- 2009 GOLD SAN FRANCISCO INTERNATIONAL WINE COMP
- 2005 **90 POINTS WINE ADVOCATE**
- 2008 GOLD WASHINGTON STATE WINE COMPETITION

2008 GOLD INDY INTERNATIONAL WINE COMPETITION
2003 **90 POINTS WINE SPECTATOR**
2006 GOLD WASHINGTON STATE WINE COMPETITION

MERLOT

2012 **CURRENT RELEASE 92 POINTS LA INT'L WINE & SPIRITS**
2016 BEST OF CLASS LA INT'L WINE & SPIRITS
2016 GOLD LA INTERNATIONAL WINE & SPIRITS
2016 GOLD SAN FRANCISCO INT'L WINE COMPETITION
2015 GOLD INDY INTERNATIONAL WINE COMPETITION
2009 **95 POINTS LA INT'L WINE & SPIRITS**
2013 BEST MERLOT SAN DIEGO INT'L WINE COMPETITION
2013 BEST OF CLASS PACIFIC RIM WINE COMPETITION
2014 DOUBLE GOLD SEATTLE WINE AWARDS
2013 GOLD PACIFIC RIM WINE COMPETITION
2013 GOLD LA INT'L WINE & SPIRITS COMPETITION
2013 GOLD INDY INT'L WINE COMPETITION
2008 **94 POINTS LA INT'L WINE & SPIRITS**
2012 BEST OF CLASS LA INT'L WINE & SPIRITS
2012 GOLD LA INTERNATIONAL WINE & SPIRITS
2012 BEST OF CLASS RIVERSIDE INT'L WINE COMPETITION
2012 CHAIRMAN'S AWARD UNANIMOUS GOLD RIVERSIDE
INTERNATIONAL WINE COMPETITION
2013 DOUBLE GOLD SEATTLE WINE AWARDS
2012 GOLD INDY INTERNATIONAL WINE COMPETITION
2007 **90 POINTS WINE SPECTATOR**
93 POINTS LA INTERNATIONAL WINE & SPIRITS COMP
2011 GOLD LA INT'L WINE & SPIRITS COMPETITION
2006 **91 POINTS WINE SPECTATOR**
2016 DIAMOND OF THE DECADE SEATTLE WINE AWARDS
2009 UNANIMOUS GOLD CHAIRMAN'S AWARD RIVERSIDE
INTERNATIONAL WINE COMPETITION
2009 DOUBLE GOLD WINE PRESS NORTHWEST
2009 GOLD SEATTLE WINE AWARDS
2005 **91 POINTS WINE SPECTATOR**
2007 GOLD, GRAND AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE, BEST OVERALL MERLOT
SEATTLE WINE COMPETITION
2003 **90 POINTS WINE SPECTATOR**
2006 PLATINUM WINE PRESS NORTHWEST
2006 CHAIRMAN'S BEST OF CLASS LONG BEACH GRAND CRU
2006 GOLD LONG BEACH GRAND CRU
2002 **90 POINTS WINE SPECTATOR**
2004 BEST OF CLASS HILTON HEAD WINE COMPETITION
2004 GOLD HILTON HEAD WINE COMPETITION
2004 GOLD NORTHWEST WINE SUMMIT
2001
BEST OF CLASS AND A GOLD MEDAL LA INT'L WINE COMP

DEDICATION

2012 DEDICATION TEN, **CURRENT RELEASE 89 POINTS WINE SPECTATOR**
2016 GOLD PACIFIC RIM WINE COMPETITION
2016 GOLD GRAND HARVEST AWARDS
2012 DEDICATION NINE
2015 GOLD SEATTLE WINE AWARDS
2011 DEDICATION EIGHT
2014 GOLD SAN DIEGO INT'L WINE COMPETITION
2014 GOLD SEATTLE WINE AWARDS
2014 GOLD CRITICS CHALLENGE
2010 DEDICATION SEVEN **90 POINTS WINE SPECTATOR**
2013 DOUBLE GOLD INDY INT'L WINE COMPETITION
2009 DEDICATION SIX **90 POINTS WINE SPECTATOR**
2012 GOLD INDY INTERNATIONAL WINE COMP
2007 DEDICATION FOUR **90 POINTS WINE SPECTATOR**
NON-VINTAGE DEDICATION THREE
2009 GOLD RIVERSIDE INTERNATIONAL WINE COMPETITION
NON-VINTAGE DEDICATION TWO **89 POINTS WINE SPECTATOR**
NON-VINTAGE DEDICATION ONE
2007 DOUBLE GOLD WEST COAST WINE COMPETITION

RESERVE SYRAH

2013

2011

2015 BEST OF CLASS RIVERSIDE INT'L WINE COMPETITION

2015 GOLD RIVERSIDE INT'L WINE COMPETITION

2015 GOLD INDY INTERNATIONAL WINE COMPETITION

2008 **CURRENT RELEASE**

2006 **92 POINTS WINE SPECTATOR**

2010 DOUBLE GOLD SEATTLE WINE AWARDS

2005 **93 POINTS WINE SPECTATOR**

91 POINTS WINE ADVOCATE

2009 DOUBLE GOLD WINE PRESS NORTHWEST

2009 GOLD FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL WINE COMPETITION

2009 GOLD LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL WINE COMP

2003 **93 POINTS WINE SPECTATOR**

RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

2007 **CURRENT RELEASE** **92 POINTS WINE SPECTATOR**

2012 DOUBLE GOLD SEATTLE WINE AWARDS

2011 GOLD SAN DIEGO INTERNATIONAL WINE COMP

2003 **93 POINTS WINE SPECTATOR**

STELLAR SYRAH

2005 **90 POINTS WINE SPECTATOR**

2009 GOLD NORTHWEST WINE SUMMIT

2002 **90 POINTS WINE SPECTATOR**

SRILLO

2010 **CURRENT RELEASE**

2014 GOLD PACIFIC RIM WINE COMPETITION

2014 GOLD CRITICS CHALLENGE INT'L WINE COMPETITION

2014 GOLD SEATTLE WINE AWARDS

MALBEC

2012 **CURRENT RELEASE**

2008 **90 POINTS WINE SPECTATOR**

VOGNIER

2015 **CURRENT RELEASE**

2017 DOUBLE GOLD SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE WINE COMP

2014

2016 DOUBLE GOLD SEATTLE WINE AWARDS

2016 GOLD SAN FRANCISCO INT'L WINE COMPETITION

2016 GOLD INDY INT'L WINE COMPETITION

2013 **90 POINTS WINE SPECTATOR**

2015 GOLD SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE WINE COMP

2012 **91 POINTS WINE SPECTATOR**

2014 BEST OF CLASS SUNSET INT'L WINE COMP

2014 GOLD SUNSET INT'L WINE COMP

2014 GOLD SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE WINE COMP

2014 GOLD SAN DIEGO INT'L WINE COMP

2011

2013 GOLD SEATTLE WINE AWARDS

2013 GOLD CRITICS CHALLENGE INT'L WINE COMP

2010

2013 GOLD SAN FRANCISCO INTERNATIONAL WINE COMP

2009 **89 POINTS WINE SPECTATOR**

2011 DOUBLE GOLD SAN FRANCISCO INTERNATIONAL WINE COMP

2008 **89 POINTS WINE SPECTATOR**

2007 **91 POINTS WINE SPECTATOR**

2006 **90 POINTS WINE SPECTATOR**

2005 **88 POINTS WINE SPECTATOR**

2015 VIOGNIER



AWARDS

**DOUBLE GOLD SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE
WINE COMPETITION**

AVAILABILITY

FEBRUARY 2017

CASE PRODUCTION

1032 CASES

SOURCE

ESTATE BLEND

WALLA WALLA VALLEY

100% VIOGNIER

PRODUCTION NOTES

Whole cluster pressed, each block of our estate Viognier is fermented separately so that we can blend it after fermentation. Lees stirring in the tank toward the end of fermentation increases the creaminess and body of the finish.

TASTING NOTE

Cougar Crest has chosen Viognier as our signature white wine. It is the major white grape in our estate vineyards. We chose it for its unique heady aromas, rich mouth feel and the fact that it is so different from Chardonnay! Floral, citrus, and melon aromas tempt the nose, and pear, peach and tropical flavors please the palate. A smooth honey-like finish gives depth and length to a wine that can be sipped by itself but also pair very well with food.

13.9% Alcohol

2016 ALBARINO



AVAILABILITY

MAY 2017

CASE PRODUCTION

371 CASES

SOURCE

ROCK BOTTOM VINEYARD

WALLA WALLA VALLEY

100% ALBARINO

PRODUCTION NOTES

Whole cluster pressed and chilled to 51 degrees, Albarino is slowly fermented to dryness. A small amount of lees stirring before cold stabilization adds creaminess to the finish. Bottled in dark glass to prevent damage by intense light.

TASTING NOTE

Albarino brings the windswept shores of Galicia, Spain to the Walla Walla Valley. Fragrant with floral, citrus, and distinctly tamarind aromas which come through on the palate, there is also minerality and acidity that gives it a strong backbone to pair with food or enjoy chilled on the patio. No residual sugar gives it a clean, aromatic finish, as exciting as the Northern coast of Spain.

13.9% Alcohol

2015 GRENACHE ROSE



AVAILABILITY

APRIL 2017

CASE PRODUCTION

121 CASES

SOURCE

COUGAR MILLS VINEYARD

WALLA WALLA VALLEY

TASTING NOTE

Grenache Rose is summertime in a bottle. It is fermented to dryness with refreshing flavors of fresh strawberries and rhubarb combined with a hint of spice that comes together for a crisp finish. Your backyard will be the most popular place in the neighborhood. Pair with salad, chicken, salmon, ribs, pizza ...use your imagination! Delicious by itself or with a meal, it will become your summer favorite. Enjoy!

13.1% Alcohol

2012 DEDICATION TEN



AWARDS

89 POINTS WINE SPECTATOR
GOLD GRAND HARVEST AWARDS
GOLD PACIFIC RIM WINE COMPETITION

AVAILABILITY AUGUST 2016

CASE PRODUCTION 3878 CASES

SOURCE COUGAR HILLS VINEYARD

WALLA WALLA VALLEY

55% SYRAH
20% CABERNET FRANC
17% MERLOT
8% PETIT VERDOT

HISTORY

In September 2005, our lives were changed forever by the nearly fatal injuries of our daughter. The dedication and sacrifice of the medical professionals of Doernbecher Children's Hospital of Oregon Health and Science University in Portland, Oregon gave her back her life. Ever since, we have felt the need to give back to the organization that saved our daughter. This wine is named in honor of the people who have dedicated themselves to a life of study and healing. A portion of the proceeds of this wine are donated to the Doernbecher foundation so they may continue their life-saving work.

TASTING NOTES

Our tenth release of Dedication is a blend of five varietals representing a blend of what is grown in our vineyards. Lush, ripe plums, red currants, black cherries, and a hint of dried roses and herbs on the nose are balanced by acidity and tannins that are smooth and graceful, not overbearing. Rich on the palate and long on the finish, the overall effect shows balance and finesse, a hallmark of Cougar Crest wines. A deeply satisfying wine that is versatile and can be paired with bold, smoky meats, grilled chicken or salmon, or pizza. Enjoy!

13.2% Alcohol

2012 MERLOT



AWARDS

92 POINTS LA INTERNATIONAL WINE & SPIRITS
BEST OF CLASS LA INTERNATIONAL WINE & SPIRITS
GOLD LA INTERNATIONAL WINE & SPIRITS
GOLD SAN FRANCISCO INT'L WINE COMP
GOLD INDY INT'L WINE COMPETITION

AVAILABILITY OCTOBER 2015

CASE PRODUCTION 545 CASES

SOURCE COUGAR MILLS VINEYARD
WALLA WALLA VALLEY
91% MERLOT
9% CABERNET SAUVIGNON

OAK PROGRAM

100% of our Merlot is aged in 60 gallon barrels for a minimum of 20 months. New oak comprises 30% of this oak with 25% French and 75% American oak that has been air dried for 3 years instead of 2 years. The balance of the barrels is 1, 2 or 3 years old. During racking neutral barrels are substituted in to prevent the wine from being over oaked.

TASTING NOTES

This world class Merlot from our estate vineyards shows classic varietal character of black cherry, olive, herbs, and red currants. Balanced acidity and supple tannins complement the rich mouth feel. The finish languishes with toast, vanilla, and mocha notes. Washington Merlots are big hearty wines but Cougar Crest brings finesse and balance to their Merlots.

13.4% Alcohol

2010 CABERNET FRANC



AWARDS

91 POINTS WINE SPECTATOR
GOLD SEATTLE WINE AWARDS

AVAILABILITY

CASE PRODUCTION

627 CASES

SOURCE

COUGAR MILLS VINEYARD

WALLA WALLA VALLEY

80% CABERNET FRANC

20% MERLOT

OAK PROGRAM

100% of Cabernet Franc is aged in oak barrels with 40% of those barrels being new oak. Of that new oak 25% is French oak and 75% is three year air dried American oak. The balance of barrels is 1 and 2 years old. Neutral barrels may be substituted in at racking to prevent the wine from being over oaked.

TASTING NOTE

Cabernet Franc has become the highly rated star of our estate vineyard. Allowed to thoroughly ripen on the vine, flavors of red currants, rose petal, violets, herbs, pepper, and spice compliment a rich mouth feel. The finish is long with tobacco, caramel, and toast aromas. Experience this unique, multiple Gold Medal winning wine.

13.4% Alcohol

2010 ANNIVERSARY CUVEE



AWARDS

BEST OF CLASS PACIFIC RIM WINE COMP
GOLD PACIFIC RIM WINE COMP
GOLD SEATTLE WINE AWARDS
GOLD CRITICS CHALLENGE
GOLD SAN FRANCISCO INT'L WINE COMP

AVAILABILITY OCTOBER 2015

CASE PRODUCTION 1003 CASES

SOURCE COUGAR MILLS VINEYARD

WALLA WALLA VALLEY

40% MERLOT

25% MALBEC

20% CABERNET FRANC

15% PETIT VERDOT

OAK PROGRAM

Forty percent new oak is used on this blend and the wine is kept in barrel for 22 months. New oak consists of 25% French oak and 75% American oak barrels which have had the staves air dried for three years. The rest of the barrels are one and two years old. As the wine ages we may substitute neutral barrels at racking to prevent the wine from over-oaking.

TASTING NOTE

This wine made its inaugural appearance from the 2003 vintage to mark Dave and Debbie Hansens' silver wedding anniversary. It opens with aromas of sweet spices as well as plums, cherries and red and green peppercorns, followed by luscious flavors of dark chocolate and bold, ripe fruit. Balance, layering of flavors and a long aromatic finish results from the marriage of selected barrels and extensive aging. Share this wine for the important anniversaries in your life.

13.3% Alcohol

2012 CABERNET SAUVIGNON



AWARD

GOLD INDY INT'L WINE COMP

AVAILABILITY APRIL 2017

CASE PRODUCTION 1064 CASES

SOURCE COUGAR MILLS VINEYARD

WALLA WALLA VALLEY

84% CABERNET SAUVIGNON

12% PETIT VERDOT

4% MALBEC

oAK PROGRAM

Sixty gallon oak barrels age all of our Cabernet Sauvignon. A minimum of 40% of these barrels is new oak of which 50% is French oak and the rest is American oak which has been air dried for three years. The rest of the barrels are 1, 2 or 3 years old.

TASTING NOTE

In June 2006 we were recognized by Wine Spectator as one of the top 20 Cabernet producers in Washington State and two of our Cabernets were ranked in the top 100 Cabernets of the world. Ripe flavors of blackberry, bay leaf, olive, and anise are balanced by savory acidity and supple tannins. The finish is long and rich with aromas of vanilla, tea leaf, and mocha. Experience a classic Cabernet Sauvignon that will stand the test of time.

13% Alcohol

2012 MALBEC



AVAILABILITY

JUNE 2015

CASE PRODUCTION

256 CASES

SOURCE

COUGAR HILLS VINEYARD

WALLA WALLA VALLEY

100% MALBEC

OAK PROGRAM

Aged in 100% 60 gallon barrels of which 20% are new American oak air dried for 36 months. Extra air drying (normal is 2 year) softens the raw tannins and heavy vanilla character American oak is known for. The effect on the wine is more subtle and elegant.

TASTING NOTES

Malbec's unique aromas of blackberry bramble and gamey dried mushrooms are layered with herbs, tobacco leaf, pepper, and earth. A lush, complex beauty that is smooth but has the acidity and tannins to cellar. Pair this Malbec from our Walla Walla Estate vineyards with grilled or smoked meats or by itself.

12.2% Alcohol

2010 SYRILLO



AWARDS

GOLD PACIFIC RIM WINE COMPETITION
GOLD CRITICS CHALLENGE
GOLD SEATTLE WINE AWARDS

AVAILABILITY

FEBRUARY 2016

CASE PRODUCTION

744 CASES

SOURCE

COUGAR MILLS VINEYARD

50% SYRAH
50% TEMPRANILLO

TASTING NOTE

Tempranillo is fast becoming famous for the many different blends that are created with it. The robust, earthy, and untamed flavors of Tempranillo are layered with the fruit and body of Syrah, creating the excitement of a bullfight and the passion of flamenco. It's old and new, wild and refined, at the same time. Pair Syrillo with grilled game, roasted vegetables, or a campfire at the beach. Enjoy!

12.7% Alcohol

2012 SYRAH



AWARDS

BEST OF CLASS SUNSET INT'L WINE COMP
GOLD SUNSET INT'L WINE COMP
GOLD SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE

AVAILABILITY

MARCH 2016

CASE PRODUCTION

490 CASES

SOURCE

COUGAR MILLS VINEYARD

WALLA WALLA VALLEY

97% SYRAH

3% VIOGNIER

OAK PROGRAM

All of our Syrah is aged in 60 gallon oak barrels. Of this 20% is Hungarian oak. Although the same species of tree as French oak, the flavors imparted to the wine are quite different. Hungarian oak gives more cookie box spice, clove, and cardamom than French oak and compliments the savory, peppery character of Syrah.

TASTING NOTES

Our estate vineyard Syrah has been highly rated as one of the Top 100 Wines in the World. Rich, full-bodied flavors of plum jam, berries, spice, coriander, and a hint of white pepper have a smooth mouth feel. Mocha, fruit, and spice entwined in the long finish. Experience the best that Walla Walla, Washington can offer.

13.3% Alcohol

2007 RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON



AWARDS

92 POINTS WINE SPECTATOR
DOUBLE GOLD SEATTLE WINE AWARDS
GOLD SAN DIEGO INTERNATIONAL WINE COMP

AVAILABILITY NOVEMBER 2010

CASE PRODUCTION 591 CASES

SOURCE COUGAR MILLS VINEYARD

88% CABERNET SAUVIGNON
12% PETIT VERDOT

TASTING NOTE

The last block of Cabernet harvested in 2007 gave us an amazing wine to work with. Blended with 12% Petit Verdot and aged for 22 months, it will be a wine for the ages. Distinctive flavors and aromas of blackberries, black currants, anise, dried cherries, and spice flood the senses with flavor. Full-bodied and rich with caramel, tobacco leaf, and cedar notes on the languishing finish. This is the first Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon we have made since 2003 and the 2003 Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon was picked by Wine Spectator as one of the top 100 Cabernet Sauvignons in the world.

13.6% Alcohol

2008 RESERVE SYRAH



AWARDS

92 POINTS WINE SPECTATOR 2006 RESERVE SYRAH

93 POINTS WINE SPECTATOR 2005 RESERVE SYRAH

AVAILABILITY

FEBRUARY 2014

CASE PRODUCTION

622 CASES

SOURCE

GOLDEN'S LEGACY VINEYARD

97% SYRAH
3% VIOGNIER

BACKGROUND

Cougar Crest Estate Winery makes Reserve wine only when we decide we have a unique lot of wine that raises above all the others. These Reserves usually have the longest hang time and are barrel aged longer to concentrate the flavors. It is not unusual for Reserves to be bottle aged for more than a year.

TASTING NOTE

Concentrated aromas of fig, elderberry, and plum jam with hints of clove, bay leaf, white pepper, and toast entice the nose while balanced acidity and silky tannins provide structure and lush mouth feel. Dense and sultry, yet elegant this classic wine epitomizes the depth and complexity of Washington State Syrah.

14.3% Alcohol