

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 Golden's Legacy in 2000. Cougar Hills Vineyard is located in the southwest foothills of the Walla Walla Valley, Golden's Legacy 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 LA County Fair, 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

- 2009 CURRENT RELEASE **91 POINTS WINE SPECTATOR**
- 2013 GOLD SAN DIEGO INT'L WINE COMPETITION
- 2013 GOLD INDY INT'L WINE COMPETITION
- 2008 CURRENT RELEASE
- 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
- 2006 **92 POINTS WINE SPECTATOR**
- 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**
- 2007 SILVER GRAND HARVEST AWARDS
- 2008 SILVER SAN DIEGO WINE COMPETITION
- 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

- 2009 CURRENT RELEASE **93 POINTS WINE SPECTATOR**
- 2013 GOLD PACIFIC RIM WINE COMPETITION
- 2013 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
- 2004 GOLD WASHINGTON STATE WINE COMPETITION

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

- 2009 CURRENT RELEASE **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**
- 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
- 2006 SILVER WEST COAST WINE COMPETITION
- 2006 SILVER WASHINGTON STATE 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 CUVEE

- 2009 CURRENT RELEASE
- 2013 GOLD SAN FRANCISCO INT'L WINE COMPETITION
- 2013 GOLD INDY INTERNATIONAL WINE COMPETITION
- 2008 CURRENT RELEASE **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
- 2009 SILVER PACIFIC RIM INTERNATIONAL WINE COMP
- 2009 SILVER INDY INTERNATIONAL WINE COMPETITION
- 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
- 2006 SILVER LONG BEACH GRAND CRU

MERLOT

- 2009 CURRENT RELEASE **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 INTERNATIONAL WINE & SPIRITS COMP
 2006 **91 POINTS WINE SPECTATOR**
 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 COUNTY INT'L
 WINE COMPETITION

DEDICATION

- 2012 DEDICATION NINE CURRENT RELEASE
 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
 2008 DEDICATION FIVE
 2007 DEDICATION FOUR **90 POINTS WINE SPECTATOR**
 NON VINTAGE DEDICATION THREE
 2009 GOLD RIVERSIDE INTERNATIONAL WINE COMPETITION
 2009 SILVER PACIFIC RIM INTERNATIONAL WINE COMP
 2009 SILVER WASHINGTON STATE WINE COMPETITION
 NON VINTAGE DEDICATION TWO **89 POINTS WINE SPECTATOR**
 NON VINTAGE DEDICATION ONE
 2007 DOUBLE GOLD WEST COAST WINE COMPETITION
 2007 SILVER WASHINGTON STATE WINE COMPETITION
 2007 SILVER INTERNATIONAL EASTERN WINE COMPETITION

2007 SILVER GRAND HARVEST AWARDS

RESERVE SYRAH

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**

MALBEC

2008 CURRENT RELEASE **90 POINTS WINE SPECTATOR**

COGNIER

2013 CURRENT RELEASE

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

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 COMPETITION

2008 **89 POINTS WINE SPECTATOR**

2007 **91 POINTS WINE SPECTATOR**

SILVER FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL WINE COMPETITION
SILVER GRAND HARVEST AWARDS

2006 **90 POINTS WINE SPECTATOR**

2005 **88 POINTS WINE SPECTATOR**

2013 VIOGNIER



AVAILABILITY

JANUARY 2015

CASE PRODUCTION

813 CASES

SOURCE

COUGAR HILLS VINEYARD

100% VIOGNIER

TASTING NOTE

Cougar Crest has chosen Viognier as our signature white wine. It is the only 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.

2013 ALBARINO



AVAILABILITY

DECEMBER 2014

CASE PRODUCTION

159 CASES

SOURCE

COUGAR MILLS VINEYARD

100% ALBARINO

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.

2013 GRENACHE ROSE



AVAILABILITY

AUGUST 2014

CASE PRODUCTION

73 CASES

SOURCE

COUGAR MILLS VINEYARD

85% GRENACHE
15% VIOGNIER

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!

2012 DEDICATION WINE



AVAILABILITY

JANUARY 2015

CASE PRODUCTION

3884 CASES

SOURCE

COUGAR MILLS VINEYARD

38% SYRAH

22% TEMPRANILLO

14% MERLOT

13% CABERNET SAUVIGNON

6% CABERNET FRANC

5% PETIT VERDOT

2% GRENACHE

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 has been donated to the Doernbecher foundation so they may continue their life-saving work.

TASTING NOTES

Our ninth release of Dedication is a blend of seven varietals; 38% Syrah, 22% Tempranillo, 14% Merlot, 13% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Cabernet Franc, 5% Petit Verdot, 2% Grenache. 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!

2009 MERLOT



AWARDS

95 POINTS LA INTERNATIONAL WINE & SPIRITS
BEST MERLOT SAN DIEGO WINE COMPETITION
BEST OF CLASS PACIFIC RIM WINE COMPETITION
DOUBLE GOLD SEATTLE WINE AWARDS
GOLD PACIFIC RIM WINE COMPETITION
GOLD MEDAL LA INTERNATIONAL WINE & SPIRITS
GOLD INDY INTERNATIONAL WINE COMPETITION

AVAILABILITY

FEBRUARY 2015

CASE PRODUCTION

525 CASES

SOURCE

COUGAR MILLS VINEYARD

85% MERLOT
10% CABERNET FRANC
5% MALBEC

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. Experience Merlot as it was meant to be.

2009 CABERNET FRANC



AWARDS

93 POINTS WINE SPECTATOR
GOLD PACIFIC RIM WINE COMPETITION
GOLD SAN FRANCISCO INT'L WINE COMPETITION
GOLD INDY INTERNATIONAL WINE COMPETITION

AVAILABILITY JANUARY 2015

CASE PRODUCTION 1287 CASES

SOURCE COUGAR MILLS VINEYARD

88% CABERNET FRANC
12% MERLOT

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.

2009 ANNIVERSARY CUVEE



AWARDS

GOLD SAN FRANCISCO INT'L WINE COMPETITION
GOLD INDY INTERNATIONAL WINE COMPETITION

AVAILABILITY

NOVEMBER 2014

CASE PRODUCTION

800 CASES

SOURCE

COUGAR HILLS VINEYARD

40% MERLOT

19% MALBEC

19% CABERNET SAUVIGNON

19% CABERNET FRANC

3% PETIT VERDOT

TASTING NOTE

This wine made its inaugural appearance from the 2003 vintage to mark Dave and Debbie Hansens' silver wedding anniversary. The 2009 Cuvée is a blend of 40% Merlot, 19% Malbec, 19% Cabernet Sauvignon, 19% Cabernet Franc and 3% Petit Verdot. 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.

2009 CABERNET SAUVIGNON



AWARDS

91 POINTS WINE SPECTATOR
GOLD INDY INTERNATIONAL WINE COMPETITION

AVAILABILITY

NOVEMBER 2013

CASE PRODUCTION

1240 CASES

SOURCE

COUGAR MILLS VINEYARD

86% CABERNET SAUVIGNON

10% PETIT VERDOT

4% MERLOT

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.

2009 *TEMPRANILLO*



AVAILABILITY

JULY 2014

CASE PRODUCTION

241 CASES

SOURCE

COUGAR MILLS VINEYARD

100% TEMPRANILLO

TASTING NOTES

Like its ancestors in Spain, Tempranillo from Walla Walla has a rustic, earthy character with pomegranate, red currants and a toastiness like roasted walnuts. Good tannins structure supports the rich fruit, olive, and green tea lingers on the finish.

2008 MALBEC



AWARDS

90 POINTS WINE SPECTATOR

AVAILABILITY

MARCH 2012

CASE PRODUCTION

391 CASES

SOURCE

COUGAR MILLS VINEYARD

86% MALBEC

8% CABERNET FRANC

6% TEMPRANILLO

TASTING NOTES

Malbec's unique aromas of gamey dried mushrooms and herbs are layered with black cherry, tobacco leaf, pepper, and earth. This wine is a lush, complex beauty that is smooth and approachable but has the acidity and tannins to cellar. Taste what our Walla Walla, Washington vineyards have created.

13.4% Alcohol; 3.33 pH; 9.0 g/L TA; < 0.20 Residual Sugar; 23 Average Brix at harvest.

2009 SYRILLO



AVAILABILITY

NOVEMBER 2014

CASE PRODUCTION

393 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!

2009 SYRAH



AWARDS

91 POINTS WINE SPECTATOR
GOLD SAN DIEGO WINE COMPETITION
GOLD INDY INTERNATIONAL WINE COMPETITION

AVAILABILITY

JANUARY 2015

CASE PRODUCTION

490 CASES

SOURCE

COUGAR MILLS VINEYARD

97% SYRAH

3% VIOGNIER

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 entwine in the long finish. Experience the best that Walla Walla, Washington can offer.

2007 RESERVE CABERNET

SAUVIGNON



AWARDS

92 POINTS WINE SPECTATOR
2012 DOUBLE GOLD SEATTLE WINE AWARDS
2011 GOLD SAN DIEGO INTERNATIONAL WINE
COMPETITION

AVAILABILITY

NOVEMBER 2010

CASE PRODUCTION

591 CASES

SOURCE

COUGAR HILLS 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; 3.88 pH; 3.8 g/L TA; <0.05% Residual Sugar; 25 Average Brix at harvest.

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; 3.66 pH; 5.5 g/L TA; < 0.20% Residual Sugar; 24.5 Average Brix at harvest.