

# 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

- 2015 **90 POINTS GRAND HARVEST CHALLENGE**  
2019 GOLD GRAND HARVEST CHALLENGE  
2019 GOLD PACIFIC RIM WINE COMPETITION  
2019 GOLD SEATTLE WINE AWARDS
- 2014 **CURRENT RELEASE 90 POINTS SAN DIEGO INT'L WINE COMP**  
2018 GOLD SAN DIEGO INT'L WINE COMPETITION
- 2012  
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

- 2015  
2019 GOLD PACIFIC RIM WINE COMPETITION
- 2014 **93 POINTS SAN DIEGO INT'L WINE COMPETITION**  
2018 GOLD SAN DIEGO INT'L WINE COMPETITION  
2018 GOLD SEATTLE WINE AWARDS
- 2013  
2017 DOUBLE GOLD SAN FRANCISCO INT'L WINE COMPETITION  
2017 GOLD INDY INT'L WINE COMPETITION
- 2012 **CURRENT RELEASE 93 POINTS SAN DIEGO INT'L WINE & SPIRITS**  
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 **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

2015  
 2019 DOUBLE GOLD SAN FRANCISCO INT'L WINE COMPETITION  
 2019 DOUBLE GOLD SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE WINE COMPETITION  
 2019 DOUBLE GOLD SEATTLE WINE AWARDS  
 2013  
 2017 GOLD GRAND HARVEST AWARDS  
 2017 GOLD PACIFIC RIM WINE COMPETITION  
 2017 GOLD INDY INT'L WINE COMPETITION  
 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

- 2015 **93 POINTS GRAND HARVEST CHALLENGE**  
2019 DOUBLE GOLD SEATTLE WINE AWARDS  
2019 GOLD GRAND HARVEST CHALLENGE  
2019 GOLD PACIFIC RIM WINE COMPETITION
- 2014 **90 POINTS SAN DIEGO INT'L WINE COMPETITION**  
2018 GOLD SAN DIEGO INT'L WINE COMPETITION
- 2013  
2017 GOLD SUNSET INT'L WINE COMPETITION
- 2011 **CURRENT RELEASE**  
2015 GOLD SEATTLE WINE AWARDS
- 2010  
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

- 2015  
2019 GOLD SEATTLE WINE AWARDS
- 2014  
2018 BEST OF CLASS PACIFIC RIM WINE COMPETITION  
2018 DOUBLE GOLD SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE WINE COMP  
2018 GOLD SEATTLE WINE AWARDS  
2018 GOLD INDY INT'L WINE COMPETITION
- 2013 **CURRENT RELEASE**  
2017 BEST OF CLASS INDY INT'L WINE COMPETITION  
2017 DOUBLE GOLD INDY INT'L WINE COMPETITION
- 2012 **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

## **D**EDICATION

- 2014 DEDICATION **CURRENT RELEASE**
- 2013 DEDICATION ELEVEN
- 2017 DOUBLE GOLD SEATTLE WINE AWARDS
- 2012 DEDICATION TEN **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

## **R**ESERVE SYRAH

- 2013 **CURRENT RELEASE** **90 POINTS LOS ANGELES INT'L WINE COMP**
- 2017 DOUBLE GOLD SEATTLE WINE AWARDS
- 2017 GOLD LOS ANGELES INT'L WINE COMPETITION
- 2017 GOLD PACIFIC RIM WINE COMPETITION
- 2017 GOLD INDY INT'L WINE COMPETITION
- 2011
- 2015 BEST OF CLASS RIVERSIDE INT'L WINE COMPETITION
- 2015 GOLD RIVERSIDE INT'L WINE COMPETITION
- 2015 GOLD INDY INTERNATIONAL WINE COMPETITION
- 2008
- 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**

## SYRILLO

- 2010
- 2014 GOLD PACIFIC RIM WINE COMPETITION
- 2014 GOLD CRITICS CHALLENGE INT'L WINE COMPETITION
- 2014 GOLD SEATTLE WINE AWARDS

## MALBEC

- 2008 **90 POINTS WINE SPECTATOR**

## VOGNIER

- 2017 **CURRENT RELEASE**
- 2019 RESERVE CLASS CHAMPION RODEO UNCORKED INT'L WINE COMP
- 2019 DOUBLE GOLD RODEO UNCORKED INT'L WINE COMP
- 2019 GOLD SEATTLE WINE AWARDS
- 2019 GOLD SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE WINE COMPETITION
- 2019 GOLD PACIFIC RIM WINE COMPETITION
- 2016
- 2018 GOLD SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE WINE COMPETITION
- 2018 GOLD GRAND HARVEST CHALLENGE
- 2015
- 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**

# 2017 *VIOGNIER*



## *AWARDS*

RESERVE CLASS CHAMPION & DOUBLE GOLD RODEO  
UNCORKED INT'L WINE COMPETITION  
GOLD SEATTLE WINE AWARDS  
GOLD SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE WINE COMP  
GOLD PACIFIC RIM WINE COMPETITION

*AVAILABILITY*

DECEMBER 2018

*CASE PRODUCTION*

570 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

# 2018 LIFE THROUGH ROSÉ

## COLORED GLASSES



AVAILABILITY

MARCH 2019

CASE PRODUCTION

255 CASES

SOURCE

COUGAR MILLS VINEYARD

WALLA WALLA VALLEY

46% MOURVEDRE

30% SYRAH

24% TEMPRANILLO

## TASTING NOTE

Rosé is summertime in a bottle. Fermented to dryness with refreshing fruit flavors and a hint of spice, your background will be the most popular place in the neighborhood. Pair with salads, chicken, salmon, ribs, pizza... use your imagination! Delicious by itself or with a meal, it will become your summer favorite. Enjoy!

14.3% Alcohol

# 2013 DEDICATION ELEVEN



## AWARDS

DOUBLE GOLD SEATTLE WINE AWARDS

AVAILABILITY

NOVEMBER 2017

CASE PRODUCTION

2890 CASES

SOURCE

COUGAR MILLS VINEYARD

WALLA WALLA VALLEY

40% CABERNET SAUVIGNON

31% SYRAH

25% MERLOT

4% PETIT VERDOT

## STORY

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 eleventh release of Dedication is a blend of four 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

# 2014 DEDICATION



## AVAILABILITY

CASE PRODUCTION 561 CASES

SOURCE COUGAR MILLS VINEYARD

WALLA WALLA VALLEY

72% SYRAH

23% CABERNET FRANC

4% MALBEC

1% GRENACHE

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## TASTING NOTES

Our twelfth release of Dedication is a blend of four 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!

14.4% Alcohol

# 2013 MERLOT



## AWARDS

BEST OF CLASS & DOUBLE GOLD INDY INT'L WINE  
COMPETITION

## AVAILABILITY

CASE PRODUCTION

528 CASES

## SOURCE

COUGAR MILLS VINEYARD

WALLA WALLA VALLEY

96% MERLOT  
4% PETIT VERDOT

## 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

# 2012 CABERNET FRANC



## AWARDS

93 POINTS, BEST CABERNET FRANC AND  
GOLD MEDAL AT SAN DIEGO INT'L  
WINE & SPIRITS CHALLENGE  
RESERVE CLASS CHAMPION & DOUBLE GOLD  
RODEO UNCORKED INT'L WINE COMPETITION  
GOLD PACIFIC RIM WINE COMPETITION  
GOLD SEATTLE WINE AWARDS

AVAILABILITY JANUARY 2019

CASE PRODUCTION 1104 CASES

SOURCE COUGAR HILLS VINEYARD

WALLA WALLA VALLEY

91% CABERNET FRANC

5% MERLOT

4% CABERNET SAUVIGNON

## 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 and multiple Gold Medal winning wine.

13.6% Alcohol

# 2011 ANNIVERSARY CUVEE



## AWARDS

### GOLD SEATTLE WINE AWARDS

AVAILABILITY AUGUST 2018

CASE PRODUCTION 592 CASES

SOURCE COUGAR MILLS VINEYARD

WALLA WALLA VALLEY

64 % MERLOT

23% PETIT VERDOT

13% MALBEC

## 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



# 2013 MALBEC



AVAILABILITY

AUGUST 2018

CASE PRODUCTION

433 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 is 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.

12.5% Alcohol

# 2012 TEMPRANILLO



AVAILABILITY

JUNE 2018

CASE PRODUCTION

228 CASES

SOURCE

COUGAR HILLS VINEYARD

WALLA WALLA VALLEY

89% TEMPRANILLO

11% SYRAH

OAK PROGRAM

Tempranillo is aged in 60 gallon oak barrels for at least 2 years. Twenty percent of this is new oak and the balance is 2 and 3 year old barrels. After bottling the wine is further aged another 2 years. The extra aging allows Tempranillo's aggressive tannins to soften and show the beauty of this wine.

TASTING NOTES

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

12.9% Alcohol

# 2014 SYRILLO



## AWARDS

AVAILABILITY

JANUARY 2019

CASE PRODUCTION

254 CASES

SOURCE

COUGAR HILLS VINEYARD

WALLA WALLA VALLEY

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!

14.3% Alcohol

# 2014 BLOCK 11 SYRAH



## AWARDS

90 POINTS SAN DIEGO INT'L WINE COMP  
GOLD SAN DIEGO INT'L WINE COMP

AVAILABILITY

JANUARY 2019

CASE PRODUCTION

270 CASES

SOURCE

COUGAR MILLS VINEYARD

WALLA WALLA VALLEY

## TASTING NOTES

Sourced from the vineyard that created one of the Top 100 Wines of the World, Block Eleven occupies a hillside that overlooks our entire estate. Selected for vineyard designation for its deep blueberry and blackberry flavors that spark childhood memories of homemade pie, there is a savory, gamey, and peppery side as well. Spice box and toasty aromas hold longingly to the palate giving depth and length to the plush finish.

14.4% Alcohol