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Moral Compass Red Wine Blend Columbia Valley Washington State 2015 Vintage

Winery Notes:

Columbia Valley is Washington state's premier wine-growing region. Warm days are followed by cool nights, which makes for a long, even growing season and flavorful, fruit-forward, balanced wines. It is a perfect region for this Red Wine Blend where aromas of blackberries, cherries and oak, lead to a rich palate marked with deep, dark fruit flavors with notes of dark chocolate and spice.

Winemaking:

Red varieties including Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Syrah and Petite Verdot were gently de-stemmed, the must was fermented on the skins for up to two weeks at ~80°F because warm temperature fermentation aids in extracting color and desirable tannins. The next step, pressing, was handled very gently to avoid the overly drying tannins found in the seeds. After pressing, the wine was racked into oak barrels to age for several months prior to bottling. The final blend was constructed a couple weeks before bottling.

Varietal Blend: 89% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Syrah, 2% Merlot, 2% Petite Verdot

Vintage:

The 2015 Washington Harvest was one of the warmest growing seasons on record. These high temperatures continued through the spring and summer, with a slight drop by fall. Because of these conditions, the 2015 harvest began about 3 to 4 weeks ahead of schedule. The heat slightly elevated sugars in the grapes and there was no sign of a corresponding raise in pH levels, allowing for a steady acidity level. The results showed beautifully ripe fruit, with deep, intense colors, flavors and aromas, while retaining a balancing natural acidity.

Wine Analysis: 0.57 g/100ml TA, 3.73 pH, 14.5% alcohol by volume

Grape Sourcing:

Grapes were sourced from the most premium vineyards in Washington's largest viticulture region, the Columbia Valley. With vineyards planted predominately on south facing slopes, the vines receive peak sunlight in the summer and allow air drainage in the winter. Columbia Valley experiences an annual rainfall averaging 6 to 8 inches ensuring the richness in the soil. This irrigation, along with consistently warm temperatures during the growing season provides for a controlled and desired harvest. With this steady environment, consistently high-quality wines are ensured.

Appellation: Columbia Valley, Washington State