



2008 Fidelitas Columbia Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

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TASTING NOTES

Sourcing from select vineyards throughout the Columbia Valley creates a beautifully purple hued wine packed with complex aromas. The nose offers intense jammy strawberry backed by cedar and hints of dill. On the palate, notes of red currant, red raspberry and coffee are set within fine-grained tannins and a polished finish. Drink now through 2018.

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

VINEYARDS

Fruit for this 2008 Cabernet Sauvignon was sourced from five Columbia Valley Vineyards. Champoux Vineyard (32%) and Lady Hawk Vineyard (20%) in the Horse Heaven Hills adds layers of intense fruit and supple tannins. Weinbau Vineyard (26%) in the Wahluke Slope contributes to the deep concentration of the wine. Conner-Lee (11%), also in the Wahluke Slope and Dineen Vineyard (11%) in the Yakima Valley add to the herbaceous tones and bright, red fruit notes.

VINTAGE

The 2008 vintage began with cooler than usual temperatures, pushing bud break later into the month of April. Temperatures did increase as the summer progressed providing a consistent growing season. The fruit steadily ripened throughout the summer, creating an optimum balance of acidity and sugar.

VINIFICATION and AGING

All fruit for Fidelitas is hand picked and sorted in the vineyard. At the winery, grapes are destemmed and crushed directly into small fermentation tanks where the must is punched down three times daily for an average of seven days. Upon completion of fermentation, the wine is gently pressed off and immediately put into barrel, where it undergoes malolactic fermentation. While aging in oak barrels, the wines are racked quarterly to naturally clarify the wine. The 2008 Columbia Valley Cabernet Sauvignon has been aged in 50% new oak (French and American) for 22 months.

PAIRINGS

This is a cabernet sauvignon that cries out to be paired with big, bold foods. Anything off the grill - steaks, pork, grilled peppers - would be a great companion to the Columbia Valley Cabernet. For a weeknight dinner, try it with burgers loaded with caramelized onions and blue cheese.

RELEASE DATE

August 2010, 912 cases

ALCOHOL

14.4% alcohol by volume

