



Fidelitas is a boutique winery located on the slopes of the Red Mountain AVA led by owner and winemaker, Charlie Hoppes, an acclaimed Columbia Valley vintner whose first crush in Washington was in 1988. Charlie works in partnership with Washington's finest growers to capture the distinct character of the vineyard and the purest expression of the fruit. Fidelitas wines are handcrafted and aged in small lots, showing exceptional character, varietal expression and structure.

Charlie's interest in winemaking began while working as a flight test engineer in the early 1980's. After spending some time with white riesling and home winemaking kits, Charlie pursued his passion at University of California, Davis, graduating in 1988. Since graduation, Charlie has served as the winemaker for a few of Washington's most recognizable labels. Perhaps most notably, he spent a decade with Chateau Ste. Michelle, first as Assistant Winemaker, then as the Head Red Winemaker during the 1990's. Today, Charlie continues to be a sought after consultant for Washington wineries.

In the year 2000 with the support of his wife Terri, Charlie began his own winery and named it Fidelitas, drawing on the family name Fidelis. From the beginning, Fidelitas sought to be **faithful** to Cabernet Sauvignon, **loyal** to classic Bordeaux winemaking techniques and **true** to Washington State's Columbia Valley terroir. A decade later, these principles remain with Fidelitas' hand crafted, Bordeaux-styled wines.

Fidelitas' Red Mountain tasting room opened in the spring of 2007, where Charlie's motto "it's just wine" shines through in the design. The structure of the building is arranged to capture views of the surrounding landscape, while the interior focuses on the people of Fidelitas and the wine itself. Three clones of Cabernet Sauvignon were planted in the Fidelitas estate vineyards in 2009 by grower Dick Boushey.