

# *2008 Fidelitas m<sup>100</sup> Red Wine*

## *columbia valley*

### **WINEMAKER'S NOTES**

Let's raise a glass to our Grandmother Mary. Standing strong at 4'8", this passionate, stubborn, loving, opinionated, caring, tough, God-fearing, Lawrence Welk-lovin' gal passed away at 100 in December 2005. In her honor, we continue to make this captivating red wine—wine that's every bit as authentic as she was.

The 2008 vintage of *m<sup>100</sup>* is an approachable blend of bright red fruit tones - raspberry and jammy strawberry - with layers of cocoa and spice, subtle tannins and a structured finish.

### **VARIETAL COMPOSITION**

51% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot, 12% Syrah, 7% Malbec

### **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 vintage of *m<sup>100</sup>* has been aged for 14 months in French and American oak barrels.

### **PAIRINGS**

*m<sup>100</sup>* is the perfect wine for everyday dinners. The vibrant fruit notes are a great match for tomato-based dishes, like pizza or pasta marina, while the richer tones help this wine stand up to more intense dishes like steak or pork. Try bringing out the smoky tones in the wine with barbequed ribs or spice rubbed pork tenderloin.

### **RELEASE DATE**

Winter 2010, 1980 cases

### **ALCOHOL**

14.2% alcohol by volume

