

• BOOKWALTER WINERY •

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LUSH RED AND VIBRANT WHITE WINES FROM THE COLUMBIA VALLEY

LOT 19 • RED WINE • COLUMBIA VALLEY WASHINGTON

VINTAGE

This unique multi-vintage wine is a blend from the outstanding vintages of 2004 (46%) and 2003 (54%). The lot number indicates in sequential order how many multi-vintage blends our winery has produced since 1983.

VINEYARDS

Nine vineyards from the Columbia Valley, Horse Heaven Hill and Red Mountain appellations make up this wine.

WINEMAKING

All the grapes were hand harvested at optimal maturity and hand sorted over a conveyor belt before crushing and destemming. After gentle crushing to maintain a high percentage of whole berries, the different wine lots were cold soaked in open and closed top fermentors for 24 to 48 hours. Once inoculated with Bordeaux Red yeast, the wine was allowed to ferment at temperatures between 80 and 90 degrees Fahrenheit. Two to three daily punchdowns coupled with aerative pumpovers precipitated gentle extraction. After approximately 5 to 7 days of fermentation, the wines were gently basket pressed between 5 and 12 Brix. All the free run and press wines were separated and aged independently from one another. Primary and malolactic fermentations were completed in new and used French oak barrels. During the aging process, the wines were gently racked from barrel to barrel every three months and egg white fined before bottling to help soften the tannins and improve the clarity of the wines. The various wines for our "Lot" program are chosen after final selection is made for our varietal wine program. **Generally, the "Lot" wines include younger vine fruit and press wine from our older, more established vineyards.**

FINAL BLEND

40% Cabernet Sauvignon, 18% Cabernet Franc, 18% Syrah, 16% Merlot and 8% Petit Verdot.

AGING

All of the various lots for this wine were aged in 1 to 3 year old 100% French oak barrels for varying amounts of time depending on the vintage.

CASES PRODUCED

2945 cases

TECHNICAL DATA

Bottled June, 2005, pH 3.72, TA .58, alcohol 14.8% by volume

TASTING NOTES

With smaller quantities of five different varieties, Lot 19 is unlike any previous multi-vintage blends from Bookwalter that were heavily dominated with 70 – 80 percent Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. The subtle aromatics hinting of cold climate fruit with tinges of graphite, rhubarb, violets, black olive and dark berries is very alluring and accentuated by a gentle, wood toast. The entry of the wine is sweet with nice weight in the mid-palate and shows a Bing cherry, strawberry, black licorice, leather and black olive flavor profile. The wine has a long finish with firm young tannins and will cellar well for years. **Best 2008 – 2012.**

