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LUSH RED AND VIBRANT WHITE WINES FROM THE COLUMBIA VALLEY

## LOT Nº 21 • RED WINE (MULTI-VINTAGE) • COLUMBIA VALLEY WASHINGTON

### VINTAGE

This unique multi-vintage wine is a blend from the outstanding vintages of 2005 (92%), 2004 (6%) and 2003 (2%). The lot number indicates in sequential order how many multi-vintage blends our winery has produced since 1983.

### APPELLATIONS/VINEYARDS

Ten vineyards from the Columbia Valley, Wahluke Slope, Horse Heaven Hill, Red Mountain and Walla Walla appellations make-up this wine.

### WINEMAKING

All the grapes were hand harvested at optimal maturity and hand sorted over a conveyor belt before de-stemming. 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

46% Cabernet Sauvignon, 35% Merlot, 11% Syrah, 4% Cabernet Franc and 4% Malbec.

### 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

4207 cases 750ml

82 cases 1.5L

### TECHNICAL DATA

Bottled February, 2007, pH 3.82, TA .57, alcohol 14.8% by volume

### TASTING NOTES

This wine, our 21st multi-vintage blend in 23 years is aged exclusively in small, carefully selected French oak barrels. For those that follow our Lot wines in cult-like fashion, Lot 21 is one of the best blends we have produced and will deliver immediate satisfaction. Largely from the outstanding 2005 vintage, the wine offers aromas black olive, plum, Bing cherries and vanilla. The entry on the palate is sweet, almost caramel like, transitions seamlessly into a voluminous mid-palate and finishes with flavors of all spice, black berries and cherries followed by silky, lush tannins.

