

:NOTA BENE CELLARS

Fine Red Wines from Washington State

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2008 Vintage Release..... Proudly presenting wines from :Nota Bene Cellars

2008 ABBINARE : COLUMBIA VALLEY.....\$25

The linking of vineyards and varietals from around the state is captured in our blend called Abbinare...Italian for "link together". This is a Merlot heavy Bordeaux style blend that is capturing a growing number of wine lovers with it's old world character. Right bank charm dominated by Ariases Vineyard Merlot grown with care by vineyard owner Bruce Zunser. This is not to make light of the Cabernet contribution by Tedd Wildman at Stone Tree Vineyard or Cab Franc from Chandler Reach. All sources have come together to show a fine wine from Washington State. Bottled on 6/26/10; 237 cases were produced; pH 3.73, TA 5.48 g/L.

53% Merlot

(50% Ariases Vineyard, 3% Ciel du Cheval Vineyard)
21% Cabernet Sauvignon (Stone Tree Vineyard)
21% Cabernet Franc (Chandler Reach Vineyard)
5% Malbec (Verhey Vineyard)

Barrels: This wine was aged for 22 months in 25% new French oak from Ton. de Jarnac and Ton. Vernou with the balance seasoned French oak from Alain Fouquet, Saury, and Vernou.

2008 CIEL DU CHEVAL VINEYARD : RED MOUNTAIN.....\$35

Ciel du Cheval Vineyard is one of the premier vineyards in Washington State. Located in the AVA of Red Mountain it is blessed with warm days and cool nights that ensure mature ripe flavors will dominate. For this vintage we are moving back to our Cabernet dominant blend of earlier years. We are returning to the richness of the dark fruit deep berry flavors that marry with the bold structure of tannin typical of Ciel and Red Mountain. We thank Jim Holmes and Ryan Johnson for their fine fruit during a wonderful vintage. Bottled on 6/26/10; 175 cases were produced; pH 3.75, TA 5.48 g/L.

43% Cabernet Sauvignon (Ciel du Cheval Vineyard)
29% Merlot (Ciel du Cheval Vineyard)
28% Cabernet Franc (Ciel du Cheval Vineyard)

Barrels: This wine was aged for 22 months in 86% new French oak (66% new French oak from Ton. Vernou, 20% French oak from Ton. de Jarnac) and the balance seasoned American oak from Saury.

2008 CONNER LEE VINEYARD : COLUMBIA VALLEY.....\$30

We are very happy to be sourcing such wonderful fruit from this classic Washington State vineyard. Contributing to some of the state's finest Bordeaux blends for many years, we are showing this vineyard on its own so you can experience the terroir. Located on Radar Hill near Othello, its cool location and significant elevation produce big dark berry flavors wrapped in a host of subtle contributing tastes like chocolate and coffee, rich and deep...they linger enjoyably. Bottled on 6/26/10; Only 75 cases were produced; pH 3.70, TA 5.81 g/L.

67% Cabernet Sauvignon (Conner Lee Vineyard)
33% Merlot (Conner Lee Vineyard)

Barrels: This wine was aged for 22 months in 33% new French oak from Ton. Vernou and the balance seasoned French oak from Alain Fouquet and Vernou.

2008 MERLOT – CONNER LEE VINEYARD : COLUMBIA VALLEY.....\$30

The fruit from Conner Lee Vineyard has been so special the last few years that we have decided to show this wine on its own. This is the second 100% Merlot bottling from :Nota Bene and a tribute to Conner Lee's success. Located on Radar Hill near Othello, its cool location and significant elevation produce big black cherry/berry flavors and lush smooth tannins contribute to a round, full finish. Bottled on 6/26/10; Only 75 cases were produced; pH 3.63, TA 6.73 g/L.

100% Merlot (Conner Lee Vineyard)

Barrels: This wine was aged for 22 months in seasoned French oak from Radoux, Saury, and Vernou.

2008 DINEEN VINEYARD : YAKIMA VALLEY.....\$35

This Yakima Valley blend from Dineen Vineyard has structure and acidity like that of an old world wine, which should give it length in the cellar. Both varietal components were raised in Catherine's Block by owner Patrick Dineen and Vineyard Manager Patrick Rawn. The cool location brings out the spice and savory notes you expect in a rich Cab Franc, coupled with dark berry and chocolate from the firm helping of Cabernet. Violets emerge with decanting and time spent in air. Thanks to the Two Pats! Bottled on 6/26/10; 100 cases produced; pH 3.47, TA 6.30 g/L.

60% Cabernet Franc (Dineen Vineyard)
40% Cabernet Sauvignon (Dineen Vineyard)

Barrels: This wine was aged for 22 months in 75% once used Saury Reserve American Oak and the balance seasoned French oak by Alain Fouquet).

2008 MALBEC – VERHEY VINEYARD : YAKIMA VALLEY.....\$30

This gem of a vineyard is devoted to producing exceptional Malbec in the Yakima Valley. Located in Union Gap with southwest facing slopes, it's still a late October harvest location that yields intense color and flavors. Concentrated dark berries abound with herbal notes of eucalyptus and rosemary making this a wonderful food wine. We think it's made for a savory lamb shank or venison...or even Carol's pot roast. Bottled on 6/26/10; Only 75 cases were produced; pH 3.68, TA 6.26 g/L.

100% Malbec (Verhey Vineyard)

Barrels: This wine was aged for 22 months in fine oak barrels from Saury (15% new Bulgarian oak barrels and the balance seasoned French oak by Vicard).

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2008 MOURVÈDRE – STILLWATER CREEK VINEYARD : COLUMBIA VALLEY.....\$30

The view from the top of Stillwater Creek Vineyard is spectacular on a warm fall day with the sun low on the horizon and the bouquet of fresh grapes in the wind. The Royal Slope opens below as the vineyard rows of ripe fruit wait to be picked. Our Mourvèdre is one of the last Rhone varietals to mature at this cool location with nearly 1000 feet of elevation. This varietal tends to lean towards pepper and spice in the finish when raised on the cool side. This wine is also a component of our Syrah and Una Notte. We hope you like it alone too. Bottled on 6/26/09; Only 25 cases were produced. pH 3.44, TA 6.71 g/L

100% Mourvèdre (Stillwater Creek Vineyard)

Barrels: This wine was aged for 22 months in seasoned French oak from Alain Fouquet.

2008 MISCELA : COLUMBIA VALLEY.....\$25

True to the spirit of this wine...Miscela is Italian for "blend"...we see how grapes from many different vineyards can come together to make a satisfying Bordeaux style blend. A counterpoint to our Abbinare blend we've returned to a Merlot heavy blend with the majority component sourced from Ciel du Cheval Vineyard on Red Mountain. We followed this with a generous helping of Cabernet from Champoux Vineyard and a nice contribution of two wines from Dineen Vineyard. This wine is a touch of the exotic, lots of fun to drink. We call it Washington State in a glass... Bottled on 6/26/10; 150 cases were produced; pH 3.64, TA 5.85 g/L

47% Merlot (Ciel du Cheval Vineyard)
38% Cabernet Sauvignon
(32% Champoux Vineyard, 6% Dineen Vineyard)
10% Cabernet Franc (Dineen Vineyard)
5% Malbec (Verhey Vineyard)

Barrels: This wine was aged for 22 months in 33% new French oak from Ton. de Jarnac and the balance seasoned French oak from Alain Fouquet and Vicard, and Hungarian oak from Kovacs.

2008 SYRAH – CIEL DU CHEVAL VINEYARD : RED MOUNTAIN.....\$35

We've come to expect rich dark fruit in our Syrah from Ciel du Cheval Vineyard...and maybe just a few savory notes to keep us guessing. This is a wonderful wine to enjoy with grilled meats, lamb and steaks over mesquite. We've also added just enough Grenache from Stone Tree Vineyard to peak your interest and accent the nose. Expect dense fruit and spice on a structure of rich tannins that will give this wine length on the pallet and in the cellar. Bottled on 6/26/10; 50 cases were produced; pH 3.60, TA 6.38 g/L

95% Syrah (Ciel du Cheval Vineyard)
5% Grenache (Stone Tree Vineyard)

Barrels: This wine was aged for 22 months in 50% new French oak from Tonnellerie Vernou and 50% seasoned American oak barrels by Saury.

2008 SYRAH : COLUMBIA VALLEY.....\$25

Two big Syrahs come together to form the major components of this wine. They are followed by generous helpings of Mourvèdre and Grenache that add complexity and depth from both ends of the flavor spectrum. The Mourvedre contributes depth of color, tannin, and white pepper, while the Grenache is light red and fruity. Together they complement this Southern Rhône blend and round out the finish. This wine has ample structure that will make it enjoyable for many years to come. Bottled on 6/26/10; 163 cases were produced; pH 3.77, TA 5.75 g/L

79% Syrah
(40% Stone Tree Vineyard, 39% Stillwater Creek Vineyard)
13% Mourvèdre (Stillwater Creek Vineyard)
8% Grenache (Stone Tree Vineyard)

Barrels: This wine was aged for 22 months in seasoned French oak from Saury, and American oak from Saury, and Vicard.

2008 UNA NOTTE : COLUMBIA VALLEY.....\$30

One night...we were listening to Pink Martini and having a wonderful time sipping another Southern Rhône blend from our stash when we knew just the right balance of Grenache and Syrah (oh...and how about some Mourvèdre!) was in our future. Here it is for you to enjoy too...and spinning a disk of Pink Martini is a must... Bottled on 6/26/10; 131 cases were produced; pH 3.69, TA 5.45 g/L

52% Grenache (Stone Tree Vineyard)
38% Syrah
(17% Stone Tree Vineyard, 16% Stillwater Creek Vineyard, 5% Ciel du Cheval Vineyard)
10% Mourvèdre (Stillwater Vineyard)

Barrels: The Grenache for this blend was aged for 22 months in Mueller stainless barrels and the Syrah in seasoned French and American oak from Saury and Vicard respectively.