



2012 BRONCHO MALBEC

One wild ride - a bursting kaleidoscope of flavor. Blackberry, blueberry, black leather, suede, cool campfire. All wrapped in a rich generous palate. To be long lived, a classic!

BLEND

100% Malbec

APPELLATION

Wahluke Slope

PRODUCTION

2.5 Tons Per Acre

100% Whole Berry

Yeasts: Native

46 Days on Skins

60% New Oak

22 Months in Barrel-Aged on Lees

WINE ANALYSIS

5.6 g/L Total Acidity

3.83 pH

14.5% Alcohol

CURRENT & PAST SCORES

94 points, Robert Parker's Wine Advocate

"There are few Malbecs from Washington State that come close to the quality of the 2012 Malbec Stoneridge Vineyard Broncho. Giving up lots of dark fruits, caramelized cherries, leather, cedary spice and earth, it's full-bodied, structured and concentrated with enough tannin to warrant another year or two in the cellar. I suspect it will have 15 years of longevity."

93 points, Wine Spectator

"Supple, polished, ripe and expressive, with blueberry and plum flavors at the core and hints of cocoa, tar and dark spices on the finish. Drink now through 2022."

VINEYARDS

Stoneridge: Alluvial fan gravel bed, the site rests above the flood plain of the Columbia River. Under the topsoil is a layer of caliche and basalt 6-12" deep, creating a calcium and iron rich media that forces roots to struggle.

VINTAGE:

Washington vintners were overjoyed at what they tasted after a growing season that tracked very much like 2008, one of the best vintages in memory. Depth of color and flavor in an abundant crop that retained its desired acidity seem to have put a smile on most winemakers' faces. Following several cooler vintages, 2012 allowed the vines to ripen normally. The waves of fruit came in smoothly. Fruit could hang longer without worrying about getting too ripe. The steady ripening also allowed for beautiful structure and elegance.

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