



## 2013 BRONCHO MALBEC

*I googled opaque... and a picture of Broncho showed up! Deep, dark, delicious. If purple is a flavor...this is it!*

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### BLEND

100% Malbec

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### APPELLATION

Wahluke Slope

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### PRODUCTION

Yield: 2.2 Tons per Acre

Yeast: Native

42 Days on Skins

45% New French Oak

22 Months Barrel-Aged

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### WINE ANALYSIS

6.4 g/L Titratable Acidity

3.54 pH

14.5% Alcohol

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### CURRENT & PAST SCORES

#### **93 Points, Robert Parker's Wine Advocate**

"Another terrific wine released under the Charles Smith label is the 2013 Malbec Stoneridge Vineyard Broncho. Made from 100% Malbec and aged mostly in neutral barrels, this beauty offers lots of black and blue fruits, violets, scorched earth and licorice in a fullbodied, concentrated, impeccably balanced profile. As a whole, the state hasn't really figured Malbec out, but this is a terrific wine and one of the best examples of the variety out there."

#### **93 Points, Wine Spectator (2012 vintage)**

"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."

### VINEYARD

**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

The warmest vintage since 2003 cooled off just in time for harvest. The resulting wines were less likely to tip over into overripe flavors or high alcohol levels, and picking proceeded at a normal pace. Total tonnage was up about 5 percent over 2012, a record for the state. 2013 made us thank Sweet Baby Jesus that our white wine vineyards are cool sites at higher elevation. The very warm vintage cooled down in mid-September allowing us to pick at the perfect moment in the first week of October. This gave us generous full favored wine while still keeping focus.



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