



2013 SUPER SUBSTANCE MERLOT STONERIDGE

Fabulous aromas of red and black currant, Darjeeling tea and a profound meatiness rise from the glass. Then on the palate smoky and deep. Herbal notes enrich and layer multiple complexities that patience will unveil. Silky and sublime. A classic with a capital "C".

BLEND

100% Merlot

APPELLATION

Columbia Valley

PRODUCTION

Yield: 2.2 Tons per Acre

100% Whole Berry

Yeast: Native

45 Days on Skins

60% New Barriques

22 Months Barrel Aged

WINE ANALYSIS

0.6 g/100mL Titratable Acidity

3.76 pH

14.5% Alcohol

CURRENT & PAST SCORES

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

"The 2013 Super Substance Merlot Stoneridge offers a full-bodied, sexy, gorgeously textured style to go with lots of black currants, plums, graphite and licorice. There's a scant 500 cases produced, but it's a beautiful Merlot that will drink well for 10-12 years."

VINEYARD

The vineyards we work with are farmed using the most up to date sustainable practices.

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 favors 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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