



WATERBROOK

Mélange

• 2013 •

FOUNDER'S RED BLEND

COLUMBIA VALLEY

Dark plum and blueberry aromatics and flavors layer with fresh, sweet tobacco. With great viscosity and seamlessly integrated tannins, this easy-drinking red blend offers a long finish of leather and spice, wrapped up with notes of ripe Red Delicious apples.

BLEND

47% Merlot, 18% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Syrah, 7% Cabernet Franc, 4% Malbec, 4% Grenache, 2% Sangiovese, and 1% each of Mourvedre, Cinsault, and Counoise

WINEMAKING NOTES

AGING: 14 months

OAK: 19% New American oak, balance 1-5-year-old mixed oak

YEAST: Premier Cuvee/ Pasteur Red

ML: 100%

T/A: 5.0 g/l **PH:** 3.82

RS: Dry .03%

FINING: None

ALCOHOL: 13.6%

HARVEST DATE: Sept–Oct 2013

BOTTLED: Feb 1–3, 2015

CASES PRODUCED: 10,000

VINTAGE BACKGROUND

The warmest vintage in a decade, 2013's growing season cooled off just in time for harvest, and picking proceeded at a normal pace starting at the end of August. Total tonnage, approximately 220,000 tons, was up easily five percent over 2012, a record for Washington State. With a warm 2013 vintage, growers spread out canopies a bit more than usual and adjusted crop sizes to achieve a good balance of acidity and phenolic ripeness. Mother Nature made picking advantageous; varieties reached ripeness at different times, allowing crews a well-phased, thoughtfully-planned harvest.

FOOD PAIRING

Roasted Pork Loin, Grilled Vegetables, Pasta with Meat Sauce & Hearty Stews.