

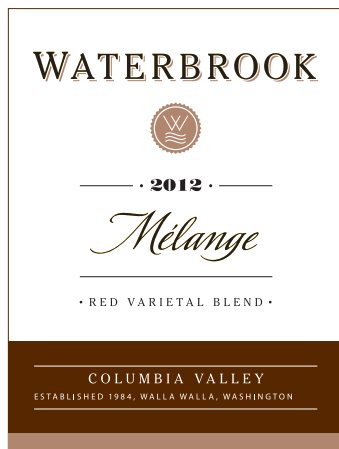
WATERBROOK



— • 2012 • —

Mélange

This well crafted, award-winning red blend has been an industry leader for more than a decade.



TASTING NOTE
by Winemaker
JOHN FREEMAN

This medium-bodied, fruit-forward blend shows aromas and flavors of raspberry, Santa Rosa plum, and blueberry, finishing long and clean with notes of sweet oak. Balanced fruit and acidity makes this an ideal food wine.

VINEYARD SOURCES

Waterbrook Melange Noir comes from vineyards throughout the Columbia Valley. These vineyards are chosen for their overall complexity, richness and balance:

Doval, CVR, A&R, Willard, Waterbrook Estate, 7 Hills

32% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Merlot, 12% Grenache, 10% Malbec, 9% Syrah, 5% Carmenere, 2% Cabernet Franc, 2% Petit Verdot, 3% various varieties

BLEND

VINTAGE NOTE

The 2012 Vintage, while starting off with a stunning resemblance to 2011, finished off the season well: average heat accumulation, average cumulative precipitation, and only a few isolated weather events. Most bud break occurred in early April. Although overall precipitation for 2012 was slightly above normal, it was not evenly distributed over the growing season. August saw low humidity, low precipitation, and high temperatures which kicked off the metabolic processes involved with berry ripening. We noticed vastly improved fruit quality when compared to the 2011 vintage; 2012 brought medium sized berries, concentrated colors and intense flavors that took a little time to catch up with the sugars.

WINE MAKING NOTES

Harvest Date: October/November 2012

Yeast: Premier Cuvee, Pasteur Red

Malolactic: 100%

Oak: 22% New American and Hungarian oak, balance to 1-5 year mixed oak

Aging: 12 months in oak

Fining: None

T/A: 5.6

pH: 3.72

RS: 0.2

Alcohol: 13.0%

Bottled: October 17 and 18, 2013

Cases Produced: 15,000

Release Date: March 2014

FOOD PAIRING

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

REVIEWS

New Release