



★ SKYFALL ☾

VINEYARD

RED BLEND

2016

Background

Skyfall Vineyard is named for the massive car-sized boulders scattered among the vines that literally look like they fell from the sky. These boulders were brought by Missoula glacial floods of the last Ice Age that cut the Columbia River. Floods deposited silt loam soils now layered with ancient volcanic ash. The complexity of these soils is ideal for cultivating optimal flavors in the grapes, making Skyfall a perfect vineyard site.

Appellation

Columbia Valley, WA

Sourcing

66% Yakima Valley, 34% Horse Heaven Hills

Varietal Composition

37% Merlot, 25% Syrah, 24% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Cabernet Franc, 3% Petit Verdot

Winemaking

The grapes were picked at the peak of ripeness during the early morning to preserve maximum fruit expression. Once picked, the fruit was de-stemmed, crushed, and cold soaked for 24-48 hours until optimal color extraction was reached. The wines were put into stainless steel tanks for malolactic fermentation and then aged for 8 months. The blend was then assembled and allowed to co-mingle for 30 days prior to bottling.

Tasting Notes

Wonderful berry fruit on the nose with integrated oak notes woven throughout. On the palate black cherry and blackberries mingle with spice and oak notes. A broad and rich wine with a long elegant finish.

Technical Data

pH 3.88
TA 5.25 g/L
RS 2.12 g/L
Alc. 13.47%

Winegrower

David Minick