



Basel Cellars
ESTATE WINERY

2013
INSPIRED
COLUMBIA VALLEY



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Every year we select the best barrels of Merlot and Cabernet Franc for our Inspired blend. The 2013 vintage is comprised of Merlot from Wallula Vineyard and Cabernet Franc from Gamache Vineyard. The cooler site of Wallula brings expressive, dark fruit notes to this cuvée, where Gamache Vineyard delivers vibrant, red berry fruits and herbal notes. Each block was picked at optimum ripeness and fermented in small batches for better control and expression. Both of these wines were aged in French oak to showcase true varietal characteristics, enhance the supple mouth feel and preserve the fruit-forward nuances. The best four barrels from each lot were selected, blended and then bottled.

The 2013 Inspired will intrigue your senses with powerful hints of blueberry, eucalyptus, tobacco and mocha. With a little time, the exciting aroma will evolve even more, with nuances of cured meat, cedar, dry grass and raspberry. The dark berry flavors, especially blueberry, will continue in the viscous mouth feel, with accents of soft oak and mature tannins. The generous fruit greeting on the palate will transform into prominent notes of red berry fruits, while enhancing the body and delivering a lingering finish. Our Inspired will be the highlight of your day, but will surprise you even more when paired with dishes such as wild pheasant, grilled lamb with feta and herbs or your spouse's favorite meatloaf! Enjoy!

TECHNICAL DATA

Vintage: 2013

Varieties: 50% Merlot, 50% Cabernet Franc

Vineyards: Gamache, Wallula

Appellation: Columbia Valley

Oak: 100% French Oak, 100% new

Alcohol: 15.2%

pH: 3.87

T.A. 5.7g/L

R.S. 0.2g/L

Production: 192 cases