



Basel Cellars
ESTATE WINERY

2013
CLARET
COLUMBIA VALLEY



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In 2013 we continued the tradition of producing a top-class Claret for your everyday enjoyment. This exciting red blend consists of Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot. A long and warm growing season in 2013 delivered ripe and intense fruit at harvest and allowed for the wines to express great character in the cellar. Beautiful fruit continued to shine through out barrel aging and the most expressive barrels from each lot were selected for this blend.

Our Claret is vibrant and fruit-forward and shows prominent notes of raspberry, cherry and rhubarb on the nose. You will also notice a distinct mineral quality, along with hints of ripe plum, tobacco leaf and cocoa, contributing to the complex aroma.

On the balanced palate, red berry fruits are ever present, in between layered tannins and firm acidity. The soft, supple mouth feel is complemented well by the long, lingering finish. This wine was made to pair well with food and will show even better with dishes such as roast leg of lamb with herbs, grilled duck breast, spaghetti and meatballs and your favorite gourmet hamburger! Enjoy!

TECHNICAL DATA

Vintage: 2013

Varieties: 50% Merlot, 24% Cabernet Franc, 22% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Petit Verdot

Vineyards: Double River, Phinny Hill, Double Canyon, Chelle den Millie, Gamache

Appellation: Columbia Valley

Oak: 80% French oak, 20% American oak, 62% New oak

Alcohol: 14.8%

pH: 3.85

T.A. 5.7g/L

R.S. 0.2g/L

Production: 2912 cases