HOUSE WINE

2009 House Wine
Red Wine

COLUMBIA VALLEY
Washington's success with vinifera grapes is due in large measure to the state's unique geography. The vineyards are planted on the east side of the Cascade Mountains which serve to protect the region from marine weather off the Pacific coast and limit rainfall to just 6 - 8 inches annually. Low rainfall and free-draining soils allow vineyard managers to control vine vigor in order to promote flavor development in the grapes. Warm daytime temperatures ripen fruit to perfection. Cool autumn nights protect the grapes' natural acidity. Creating wines with perfect balance and flavors.

VINTAGE NOTE
Bud break was a bit later than normal for the 2009 vintage. However, due to a long, hot summer, the grapes had plenty of hang time and experienced an accelerated growth. Harvest began early and was completed quicker than normal. The shorter harvest was a blessing as most vineyards were not effected by the October 10th frost because picking was already complete. The 2009 wines promise great color, balanced acidity and well developed fruit flavors.

TASTING NOTE
Tantalizing blueberry, cassis, leather and pine bark aromatics swirl in the glass. Deep fruit flavors of cherry and strawberry blend with notes of licorice in the palate. Dusty, firm tannins support lingering fruit in the long finish.

FOOD PARING
Lasagna • Pizza • Grilled Salmon • Roasted Root Vegetables

BLEND
68% Cabernet Sauvignon, 22% Merlot, 4% Malbec, 4% Syrah
2% Petit Verdot

BOTTLING
PH - 3.78 TA - 0.55 Alc.- 13.5%

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