

BROWNE

FAMILY VINEYARDS



2007 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

TASTING NOTE

Developed aromatics of black raspberry, coffee and cocoa with complimentary hints of anise and clove. Wonderful clove notes continue on the palate married with layered flavors of mulberry, plum and cocoa. Firm tannins support lingering fruit, cigar box and cedar nuances on the long finish.

VINTAGE NOTE

The Columbia Valley's growing season showed average temperatures throughout the year. 2007 began with high temperatures creating smaller canopies, allowing more light penetration, resulting in outstanding flavor development. Hot summer weather led to cooler conditions mid-September creating ideal harvest conditions. Cooler temperatures continued through October allowing for longer hang time and more developed fruit flavors. The 2007 vintage of wines will be well-balanced, smooth tannins with an abundant of flavors.

VINEYARD SOURCE

Cabernet Sauvignon is chosen from Blackrock Vineyard for its lush, dark fruit character and from Canyon Ranch Vineyard, for added structure and earthiness to the wine.

WINEMAKING

The fruit for Browne Family was harvested from October 17th - 25th, 2007 at the peak of Phenolic ripeness and tested on the vine for flavor and structure. Once harvested, all grapes were hand picked into small ½ ton bins and immediately de-stemmed. The winery "crusher," used to de stem fruit was removed to maintain 70% whole berries during fermentation. This allowed for great extraction of color and increased the maturity of tannins making the wine more approachable. After pressing occurred, primary fermentation was completed in stainless steel. The new wine was then transferred to 59- gallon Eastern European Oak casks; selected for their intense varietal Cabernet characteristics and to balance the fruit tannins. Browne Family 2007 Cabernet Sauvignon was barrel aged for 30 months then bottled in April 2010. This wine will be released in January 2011, giving it an additional nine months prior to release.

CELLARING

Crafted as a cellar worthy wine; enjoy now or cellar for up to ten years (2020).

BLEND
90% Cabernet Sauvignon
10% Petit Verdot

APPELLATION
Columbia Valley

GRAPE SOURCE
Blackrock, Ccanyon Ranch

VINTAGE
2006

WINEMAKER
John Freeman

RELEASE DATE
January 2011

HARVEST DATE
10/17/07 - 10/25/07

YEAST
Pasture Red, Premier Cuvee

ML
100%

OAK
70% New FO
30% 1-2 year old FO

AGED
30 months

FINING
None

BOTTLED
August 2008

TA PH
5.2 g/l 3.82

RS ALC.
None 13.0%

ACCLAIM

2006

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

93 POINTS

The Tasting Panel

90 POINTS

Wine Spectator / Wine Enthusiast

2005

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

BEST

Washington Wine of 2008

Paul Gregutt, The Seattle Times

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