



Vintage:	2003 Cana's Feast
Varietal:	Bordeaux-Style Cabernet Sauvignon-58%, Merlot - 26% Cabernet Franc-16%
Appellation:	Columbia Valley (WA)
Vineyards:	Ciel du Cheval Vineyard Taptiel Vineyard
pH:	3.61
Total acidity:	0.64 grams/100mL
Alcohol:	15.4%
Cases produced:	676
Case weight:	39 lbs
Case size:	13" x 10" x 13" (12 bottles)
UPC:	7 12196 60015

Harvest report

Harvesting the fruit for this wine began September 18th and continued through October 7th. Sugar levels at harvest were measured between 26.3 and 27.6 degrees brix. The vineyards are located on the upper part of the highly acclaimed Columbia Valley appellation at the extreme southeast edge of the Yakima Valley in Central Washington. The conditions were nearly perfect before harvest, which allowed for full, even ripening yielding balanced sugars and acids.

Winemaking process

The fruit was completely destemmed and crushed with 20% whole berry and the addition of 3% whole clusters into 1.5 ton open-top fermenters. The must underwent a 5 day cold soak after which it was inoculated with cultured yeast strain BM 45, the cap was gently punched down twice daily and given an average of 21-days maceration on the skins. Following a light pressing, it was put into 50% new three-year, air-dried French and American oak barrels on its gross lees for 6 months. When malolactic fermentation was complete it was racked and returned to barrel for an additional 16 months and bottled. The wine was neither fined nor filtered.

Tasting Notes

As is true to the character of wines from the Red Mountain appellation, this wine has a deep, dark, blackish color, intense concentration, and considerable structure. Aromas of black cherry, vanilla, pipe-tobacco and cassis, expand into blackberry, plum and brown sugar as the wine breathes. Intense flavors of ripe blackberry, plum and black cherry, are followed by notes of pipe-tobacco and barrel spice. Lengthy fruit and supple acidity are framed with well-structured tannins. Rich, powerfully concentrated, and yet well-balanced, it will drink well now and should easily continue to mature and gain complexity for 9 to 12 years.



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