

GILBERT CELLARS

FINE WINES CRAFTED IN YAKIMA, WASHINGTON



Horse Heaven Hills / Cabernet Sauvignon *Two Thousand and Twelve*

VINEYARD: 96% RIVER RIDGE & 4% CHUKAR

BLEND: 96% CABERNET SAUVIGNON & 4% MALBEC

WINEMAKER : JUSTIN NEUFELD

PRODUCTION: 294 CASES

AGING: THE WINES WERE AGED IN BARREL FOR 18 MONTHS. 60% WERE NEW FRENCH OAK AND 40% WERE NEUTRAL FRENCH OAK. THE WINES WERE RACKED TWICE IN THE CELLAR. ALL INDIVIDUAL WINE COMPONENTS, INCLUDING NEW OAK BARRELS, WERE KEPT SEPARATE UNTIL FINAL BLENDING.

ALCOHOL – 14.7% || TA – 6.4 G/L || PH – 3.51

BOTTLING: MAY 16, 2014

RELEASE: SEPTEMBER 2014

TASTING NOTES: Washington's return to warmer vintages is evident in this Cabernet Sauvignon sourced exclusively from our family's River Ridge Vineyard in the Horse Heaven Hills. Intensely juicy aromas of red and black currant, huckleberry jam, and red licorice take center stage as a subtle and enticing bouquet of graphite, smoke, and dusty loam perform on the peripheral. The palate is fresh and lithe for its class, balancing fine tannins, moderate alcohol, and elegant acidity through a lengthy and delicious finish.

VINIFICATION: Fruit for this blend was destemmed, and lightly crushed, into 1 ton fermentation bins. The must contained approximately 70% whole berries. The must had a pre fermentation maceration of about 96 hours at 480F. During fermentation, extraction was achieved via hand punchdowns and pump over with macro aeration, several times daily. The wine fermented dry on the skins and was immediately pressed and transferred to barrel.

BACK LABEL: The rugged summit of Gilbert Peak is as mighty as our commitment to the agricultural lands of Washington State. Five generations of family farming in the Yakima Valley have inspired us to share the unique wines that are born of this place. It is here, among wine, music and friends, that our community takes shape—nourished by the glacial waters of the Tieton River, outlined by rows of vineyards, and fed by spirited gatherings that celebrate the bounty of this beautiful landscape. Join us.