



CONVERGENCE ZONE CELLARS

DERICHO RED BLEND



TASTING NOTES

Dericho is our new Petit Verdot (88%) and Malbec (12%) blend. It displays a deep ruby-crimson color and opulent, perfumed aromas of raspberries, Bing cherries, black plums, sweet tobacco, sage, violets and oriental incense. The flavors are deep and focused, interlayered with licorice, dark cocoa, black tea and earth. On the back, the wine deepens with sensations of pressed berries, roasted pecans, mocha, and crème de cassis, with a savory, ripe dryish tannin finish. Pairs well with lamb kabobs, roasted pork, smoked gouda, mushrooms and wild rice.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Our grapes were hand picked, hand sorted and mechanically destemmed into a small bin for a 3 day cold soak to bring out flavors and color. Yeast and nutrients were then added to start a 7 day fermentation. Then the "free run" wine was pumped into barrels and the remaining skins were gently pressed to extract remaining wine into the barrels. The wine then went through a malolactic fermentation which softens the wine. Aging was 32 months in a single neutral American oak barrel.

VINTAGE AND VINEYARD NOTES

The 2017 spring was cool and wet delaying bud break about 2 weeks. A very hot summer accelerated ripening and pushed the grapes back on track. Harvest brought warm days and cool nights producing ripe wines with bright acidities. Vineyard sources were Dineen (Petit Verdot) and Tudor Hills (Malbec). Harvest date for both was October 25.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Vintage: 2017

pH: 3.67

Cases: 23

TA: 4.2 g/L

AVA: Yakima Valley

Alcohol: 14.5%

Varietals: 88% Petit Verdot, 12% Malbec

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