



**Varietal**

55 % Merlot  
40 % Cabernet Sauvignon  
5 % Cabernet Franc  
60 % Washington  
40 % Rogue Valley,  
Oregon

**Production**

4,583 Cases Produced  
Bottled March 2010

**Grape growing:** Our 2008 Fly-Over Red is a bit of a departure from previous vintages for us. To source grapes and wine that allow us to present an affordable everyday red to you, we expanded our horizons beyond the Rogue Valley, flew-over the Willamette Valley on our way to Yakima, Washington to find a couple of gems from a vineyard that started planting Bordeaux varieties over thirty years ago. Our original intent was to keep the majority of fruit from the Rogue Valley, but the two lots of Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon were so good that they compelled us to lead with higher percentages of Washington wine. You be the judge.

**Tasting notes:** Saturated dark red color telegraphs that this is not a wimpy wine. Complex aromas of cocoa, mocha and concentrated black berry and cherry confirm that we are delivering some serious bang for the buck. Big flavors follow, along with a mouthful of chewy tannins that do demand some flavorful food or some more time in the bottle to mellow out. This is a big, young red that we've released on the early side, so give it some time or a hearty meal.

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