

# CANAS FEAST



2014

## JOIE DE VIVRE

COLUMBIA VALLEY AVA

### **TECHNICAL NOTES**

**AVA:** Columbia Valley

**HARVEST:** Sept. 15 - Oct. 13

**COOPERAGE:** 18 months with no  
new oak barrels

**pH:** 3.52

**ALCOHOL:** 14.5%

**BOTTLED:** April 2016

**AGING:** Now through 2022

### **FOOD PAIRING SUGGESTIONS**

Pair with Game Hen,  
Earthy Vegetables,  
Grilled Venison &  
Fennel Bulb



### **VINEYARD NOTES**

Destiny Ridge (78%)

*Horse Heaven Hills AVA*

King Fuji (22%)

*Wahluke Slope AVA*

### **COMPOSITION**

Syrah (49%)

Cinsault (22%)

Counoise (20%)

Grenache (5%)

Mourvèdre (4%)

### **VINTAGE TRENDS**

EARLY, WARM, DRY.

Spring was early and relatively dry. Plenty of warmth to ensure even ripeness without any significant heat spikes. Diurnal temperature shifts were moderate leading to an early, relaxed harvest with larger than normal yields.

### **WINEMAKER NOTES**

Our Joie De Vivre is an homage to the Southern Rhone classics of Chateauneuf-du-Pape and its satellite villages of Vacqueyras and Gigondas. We revel in the complexity of these noble French blends and the degree to which they've influenced the heritage of Washington State's agricultural and its newer generation of winemakers. The marriage of sun-drenched Syrah, lively Cinsault, copious (if unpredictable) Counoise, fine-loam grown Mourvèdre, and low-trained (*vignes basses*) Grenache of the wind-swept cliffs of Destiny Ridge, evokes the classic traits that originally inspired us to craft such a wine. While our unique blend isn't as strict in the precise varietal percentages as the archetypes, aging this wine in older barrels and fermenting with a Rhone-isolated yeast selection adds familiar nuance and expression.

### **TASTING NOTES**

The hearty backbone of Syrah in this blend, with its blackberry and stewed fruit, underpins a lively and bright mineral drive, giving way to a wide spectrum of flavors from the sweet to the savory. Forward aromas and flavors of cherry, persimmon and citrus zest. Cinnamon and sage linger on the tongue.



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