

DOUBLEBACK 2007 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

WALLA WALLA VALLEY · INAUGURAL RELEASE

We could not have asked for a better vintage to mark the inaugural harvest of Doubleback. The weather was simply perfect throughout the whole season. August was much cooler than typical, which resulted in an even ripening across varieties and vineyards, finishing with a very condensed harvest period. We were fortunate to garner the finest raw material for this exceptional vintage and to watch it marry so beautifully has been rewarding. Each vineyard

contributed something unique to the overall blend: the Seven Hills Cabernet creates intense floral and red fruit components; the Pepper Bridge Cabernet brings structural backbone and black fruits, the addition of the Figgins Estate Merlot fleshes out the middle and a small amount of Lloyds Petit Verdot lifted the finish and further added mouth-feel complexity. This wine is everything that can be expected from a fine Walla Walla Valley Cabernet Sauvignon.

WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2007 Doubleback Cabernet Sauvignon has beautiful color saturation to the rim. The nose opens with whiffs of cinnamon, clove and other baking spices. There are elements of cherry blossoms, floral components, ripe red and black fruit puree, with subtle notes of earthy sweet forest floor and hints of toasty oak. The palate is quite mouth-coating, almost silk-like. The very fine-grained soft tannins and broad, lush mouth-feel are supported by excellent acidity. The finish is very long and persistent. I'm incredibly proud of Doubleback's first vintage and I want to thank Drew and Maura for supporting me in sourcing the finest vineyards and entrusting me to craft a wine reflective of their vision.



Chris Figgins ~ CONSULTING WINEMAKER

DREW'S TASTING NOTES

Our 2007 Cabernet shows a deep, elegant ruby color in the glass. The nose exhibits attractive black cherry, plum and smoky meat elements. Damp earth, cedar and lilacs all come through with a subtle hint of cracked black pepper. Flavors of blueberry syrup and strawberries are present. The mouth-feel is extremely soft on the palate and the wine is very balanced with great acidity and subtle tannins. The finish is long and silky, leaving you wanting another sip. We are very excited about this wine and can't wait to share it with our friends.



Drew Bledsoe ~ PROPRIETOR



BARREL/AGING PROGRAM

Aged in 60% new French oak and 40% neutral French oak barrels for 22 months.

BLEND PROFILE

75.5% Cabernet Sauvignon
13.2% Merlot
11.3% Petite Verdot

PRODUCTION

Alcohol: 14.4%
Bottling Date: 7/20/09
Release Date: Spring 2010
Cases Produced: 600
Hand-numbered sequentially
packed 6-Packs

VINEYARD SOURCES

Seven Hills, *Walla Walla Valley*
Pepper Bridge, *Walla Walla Valley*
Figgins Estate, *Walla Walla Valley*
Lloyds, *Columbia Valley*

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