

"The Archimage"

49% Cabernet Franc, 48% Merlot, 3% Cabernet Sauvignon Columbia Valley

The 2012 Archimage is the result of meticulous growers and a dedicated winemaking team. Aged for 20 months in 40% new French oak, it is intensely colored, and greets you with opulent aromas of Asian spices, red fruits, licorice, and dried herbs, all enveloped in subtle oak aromas. The beautiful red fruit flavors of bing cherry and mixed berry from the Merlot marry beautifully with the herb, pepper, and spice of the Cabernet Franc, finishing on the palate with notes of dark chocolate and coffee that linger expressively for an extended period. While characteristically approachable already, this wine has the well-integrated tannins and excellent acidity to cellar well. Drink now through 2025.

Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate, Jeb Dunnuck, 92-94 pts

The 2012 Archimage is a medium to full-bodied, forward, supple and already complex effort that gives up plenty of black plum, raspberry, flowers and pepper to go with an overall beautifully pure, elegant style. Another wine that will be ready to go on release, it will cruise for upward of a decade in the cellar.

770 cases produced Alc. 15.1% 3.63pH TA .56g/100ml

Phinny Hill Cabernet Franc 10/12/12 25 brix 3.39pH .62 TA .9 tons

Red Mountain Cabernet Franc 10/18/12 23.5 brix 3.99pH .39 TA 1.6 tons

Blackrock Cabernet Franc 10/19/12 24.5 brix 3.67pH .47 TA 5 tons

Scooteney Flats Cabernet Franc 10/18/12 25 brix 3.8pH .49 TA 1.9 tons

Weinbau Cabernet Franc 10/31/12 25.5 brix 3.82pH .44 TA 1.5tons

Blue Mountain Cabernet Franc 10/26/12 24.3brix 3.7pH .45 TA 2.76 tons

Va Piano Merlot 10/12/12 25.2B brix 3.65pH .4 TA 2.63 tons

Scooteney Flats Merlot 9/19/12 25.5 brix 3.7pH .41 TA 1.64 tons

Red Mountain Merlot 9/21/12 25.4 brix 3.83pH .38g TA

Blackrock Merlot 9/25/12 24 brix 33.52pH .49 TA 4.16 tons

Blackrock Cabernet Sauvignon 10/17/12 24.7 brix 3.46pH .64 TA 2.47 tons

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