1100 cases produced Alc. 14.8% 3.89pH .57g/100ml TA

Blue Mountain Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon

10/14/14

25.5 brix, 3.7pH, 0.58 TA 9.12 tons

Red Mountain Vineyard Blk. E Cabernet Sauvignon 10/9/14

25.5 brix, 4.1pH, 0.42 TA 5.73 tons

Red Mountain Vineyard Blk. D Cabernet Sauvignon

09/19/14

25 brix, 3.6pH, 0.50 TA 4.87 tons

Phinny Hill Vineyard Elene's Block Cab. Sauv.

10/2/14

25 brix, 3.6 pH, 0.50 TA 4.8 tons

Red Mountain Vineyard Cabernet Franc

10/03/14

24.75 brix, 4.0pH, 0.32 TA 5.0 tons

Blue Mountain Vineyard Petite Verdot

10/21/13

25.25 brix, 3.7pH, 0.50 TA

1.05 tons

Red Mountain Vineyard Block H Merlot

09/11/14

25.5 brix, 3.9 pH, 0.30 TA 4.16 tons

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"The Illusionist"

84% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Cab. Franc, 5% Petit Verdot, 4% Merlot Columbia Valley

The 2014 Illusionist is an intensely dark, deeply concentrated, highly complex Cabernet hailing from some of the top vineyard sites in Washington State. The wine is aged for 20 months in 50% new French oak. This vintage of the Illusionist is loaded with blue and black fruits, and is complimented with aromas of cedar, smoke, and spice, all of which is backed by sweet oak notes. It is immediately approachable, with fine grained and silky tannins, but will age beautifully for at least another two decades.

Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate, Jeb Dunnuck 93+ points

A blend of 84% Cabernet Sauvignon, with the balance Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot and Merlot, the 2014 The Illusionist is a gorgeously pure, elegant beauty that offers terrific notes of cassis, leafy herbs, earth and lead pencil shavings. Medium to full-bodied, with terrific fruit intensity, polished tannin and a great finish, give bottles a year in the cellar and enjoy over the following 7-8 years.

Wine Spectator, Tim Fish 93 points

Plush and generous, with expressive black cherry and mocha-espresso aromas and rich, layered blackberry and savory licorice flavors that linger toward refined tannins. Drink now through 2023.