

SEVEN HILLS

CARMENÈRE



Walla Walla Valley

2008

ALCOHOL 12.9% BY VOLUME

CARMENÈRE 2008 / Walla Walla Valley

Vineyard Appellations : Minnick Hills & Morrison

Grapes: 100% Carmenère

Vintage Season: Moderately warm season, dry, cool October

Barrels: French oak, 40% new

Time in Cellar: 17 months

Bottled: March, 2010

Aroma: ripe raspberry, pungent herb, vanilla

Taste: sweet red berry, soft tannins, hint of white pepper

Alcohol: 12.9%

Lot size: 86 cases

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

This is our second release of a varietally labeled Carmenère, and it's a pleasure to once again offer a wine of this distinction and rarity. We returned to our established vineyard sources: Minnick Hills on deep loess wind-blown soils with a slight volcanic influence, and Morrison on cobblestone alluvial fan. Both are amongst the oldest Carmenère plantings in the appellation. I prize this wine for its delightful combination of ripe raspberry, subtle herbs de Provence notes, and an intriguing combination of white pepper and vanillin by nose and mouth. Pleasingly soft tannins and persistent red berry course through to the finish. Enjoyable food pairings may include those that incorporate herb or pepper influenced seasonings. I'd suggest drinking within 2 to 4 years of release.

An extremely limited, wine club release.

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