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Club Deluxe Cabernet Franc 2008

Appellation: Columbia Valley, Washington

Varietal Composition: 90% Cab Franc, 10% Sangiovese

Vineyard Source: Weinbau, Dubrul, Candy Mountain,
Blue Mountain, Ciel du Cheval

Tartratable Acidity: 0.63 g/l

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Alcohol: 14.3%

Production: 118 cases

Vinification: The wine was treated very similar to the last vintage, with a one or two day cold soak after destemming, a 6 to 8 day open top, hand-punched fermentation with the wine finishing primary and secondary fermentation in barrel. The barrel program was 90% French (25% new French) and 10% older Hungarian on the Cabernet Franc and 50% French, 25% Hungarian and 25% American with 25% new of all types of oak on the Sangiovese.

Tasting Notes: A deep, inky, garnet color with aromatics of ripe boysenberry, black licorice and toasted brioche with a spread of Nutella. The palate is silky and smooth with luscious ripe red and black fruit, dusty, elegant tannins that gently massage your tongue. The finish is refined, elegant and extremely long with brown spices, and ripe, delicious fruits perfectly poised with natural acidity.

Vintage Notes: The vintage was very similar to the 2007 vintage with hot temperatures in late spring and early summer that were offset by cooler night time temperatures all summer long and cooler day and night temperatures during harvest. This cooling allowed for extended hang times and the cooler nights maintained ideal natural acidity levels in the fruit leading to balanced flavors.

Vineyard Information: Weinbau Vineyard is part of a group of vineyards known as the Sagemoor Group. It consists of Weinbau in the Wahluke Slope appellation, Bacchus, Dionysus and Sagemoor Vineyards which are all in the Columbia Valley appellation. Weinbau rests on a bluff overlooking the Columbia River. The Wahluke Slope appellation is the only Washington state appellation that is a single geological landform. It is an 81,000 acre alluvial fan formed by deposits from the Great Missoula Floods. About 5,200 acres of the appellation is planted to wine grapes (about 20% of the entire harvest of Washington State wine grapes) and Weinbau makes up 364 acres of that with another 100 acres being planted in 2009.

What Makes Club Deluxe Unique?

Micro production, extremely limited Cabernet Franc from very low yield vines situated in one of Washington State's most unique viticultural areas, Weinbau.

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