



PROPRIETOR'S RESERVE  
2012 SERENDIPITY  
COLUMBIA VALLEY

Varietal Composition:	60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 18% Merlot, 12% Cabernet Franc, 6% Petit Verdot, 4% Malbec
Appellation:	Columbia Valley
Harvested:	September through October 2012
Bottled:	July 21, 2013
Technical Data:	Alc. 14.8% by vol.; RS: 0.01%; TA: 5.74 g/L; pH: 3.81
Cases Produced:	409
Production & Aging:	Aged 20 months in 62% new French Oak

### THE VINTAGE

The 2012 vintage tracked as a wonderful year across all Washington state AVAs and was significantly warmer than the previous two years. The vintage was consistent in ripening without dramatic heat spikes which can cause undue stress on berry development. Color progressed earlier in the growing season allowing for full tannins to mature in the reds, as well as moderate alcohols and balanced acidity in both the whites and reds.

### THE VINEYARD

Sourced from a selection of award-winning vineyards in Washington State's Columbia Valley AVA.

### THE WINEMAKING

Throughout harvest, Winemaker Richard Batchelor worked closely with local growers and visited each vineyard to taste for maturity and ripeness to determine the precise moment to pick the fruit. Grapes were hand-harvested during the cool hours of the morning to preserve bright fruit notes. Each lot underwent a five day pre-fermentation cold maceration for color and fruit extraction then allowed to warm up to allow the native yeast fermentation to begin, typically taking 12-14 days. Once dry; a further five days of skin contact was performed before draining overnight for maximum free run yield. No press fraction was added to the wine. At this point, the young wines were transferred to oak barrels to undergo the secondary fermentation with native bacteria, yielding unique character only seen when in contact with wood, enhancing the wine's richness and integration of the barrel. Each of the vineyard sites contributed unique notes which were then blended for style and balance.

### TASTING NOTES

Approachable and food-friendly with rich tannins and a textured blend comprised of mingled notes of pepper and herbal flavors.

### AWARDS

Double Gold, Seattle Wine Awards 2015



Pacific Northwest Winery of the Year  
Wine Press Northwest, 2015

Winery of the Year  
San Francisco International, 2014

Top 10 Winery of the World  
World Association of Wine Writers & Journalists, 2014

Winemaker of the Year  
INDY International, 2013