



PROPRIETOR'S RESERVE
2012 VINTAGE PORT
COLUMBIA VALLEY

Varietal Composition:	Tinta Cao; Tempranillo; Sousao; Touriga Nacional
Appellation:	Columbia Valley
Bottled:	August 3rd, 2015
Technical Data:	Alc. 19.2% by vol.; RS: 7.2%; TA: 6.32 g/L; pH: 3.51
Cases Produced:	324
Production & Aging:	Aged 34 months in seasoned 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 the award-winning Gunkel Vineyard (Estate) 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. Sourced from our collection of vineyards throughout Washington, each lot underwent a five day pre-fermentation cold maceration for color and fruit extraction. The fruit was kept separate by varietal and warmed up to begin the native yeast fermentation. Once pressed, the wine was then aged in neutral French oak barrels for 33 months. For the first year this wine was stirred in barrel on its lees to enhance mouth-feel and racked when necessary to soften the tannins. After the first 12 months the wine was racked off the lees for clarity before bottling.

TASTING NOTES

Lovely and warm with aromas of holiday spice, hazelnuts and cranberry complimented by cocoa, cinnamon and blackberry on the palate in this fortified wine

AWARDS

Gold; 2016 Cascadia Wine Competition



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, 2018 & 2013