

LONE BIRCH

**2013
Red Blend**



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Varietal Composition:

41% Merlot, 36% Cabernet Sauvignon, 17% Malbec,
6% Petit Verdot

Style:

This wine is handcrafted in a balanced, approachable style that showcases the quality of fruit from Washington State.

Vineyard Source:

All of the Lone Birch Wines are sourced from fruit from our 950 acre estate vineyard located in the Yakima Valley. Our vineyard site offers a long 190 day growing season, which allows for slow, steady fruit maturation. The warm days and the cool nights provided by the high desert environment allow the vines to produce exceptional balance with ripe fruit flavors and plenty of natural acidity.

Vintage:

The 2013 vintage was the warmest since 2003. Harvest began in late August, which was the earliest that we had ever experienced at Airfield. Temperatures cooled off by mid-September, causing the ripening process to slow in the vineyard. Eventually the vines adjusted to the cool temperatures and picking proceeded steadily at normal pace. The overall result was ripe fruit without excessively high alcohols or overripe flavors. This vintage provided solid crop yields with no fruit shortages. Every block met its estimate.

Vinification & Maturation:

Our winemaking began by hand-sorting fruit to ensure only ideal clusters were vinified. After the destemming process, the must was transferred to stainless steel fermentation vessels. Gentle pump-overs, rack & returns, and punch-downs were used to extract tannin and color from the skin. After the wine finished fermenting, it was pressed and settled before going to barrel. The wine went through malolactic fermentation while in barrel and was racked every 3 months. After nearly 1 year of oak maturation, the wine was bottled.

Tasting Notes:

Color – Red Garnet

Nose – A bouquet of dark cherry and spice.

Palate – Approachable with soft tannins, good acidity, and lingering berry flavors.

Peak Drinking – Now through 2019.

Hand-Crafted By Winemaker:

Maxwell J. Miller

Enological Data:

Alcohol	13.9%
Harvest Date	October, 2013
Bottling Date	October 16, 2014
Cases Production	3,520 cases

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