

LONE BIRCH

2012
Red Blend



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Varietal Composition:

27% Tempranillo, 24% Sangiovese, 17% Grenache, 11% Syrah, 7% Cinsault, 5% Merlot, 3% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Barbera, 1% Malbec, 1% Petit Verdot, & 1% Counoise.

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:

2012 allowed the vines to ripen on schedule. The vintage got off to a slightly cool start in the spring. Temperatures quickly warmed up, and we experienced a surge of heat unit beyond normal in July, allowing the crop to develop more rapidly and meet our normal harvest windows.

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 and 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 three months. After nearly one 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 2018.

Hand-Crafted By Winemaker:

Enological Data:

pH	3.53
Total Acidity	7.05
Alcohol	14.1%
Harvest Date	October, 2012
Bottling Date	September 16, 2013
Cases Production	3,130 cases

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