

Renegade Ridge Estate 2009

Origin:

Renegade Ridge Estate is a twelve acre vineyard contiguous to our Archery Summit Estate in the Dundee Hills. Soils are basaltic 'Jory' and the vines are planted between 315 and 480 feet in elevation. On this, our only predominately east facing slope, Dijon clones are matched to select rootstocks and exhibit pronounced aromas, bright flavors and elegant texture. This vineyard has been farmed utilizing biodynamic principles and practices since March 2004.

Tasting notes:

This wine opens with inviting aromas of mountain huckleberry, lingonberry and marionberry. There are woody notes here of sandalwood and cedar as well as wet river stone and alpine wildflower. Expressive and fruit-laden yet poised and complex, this wine offers flavors of blue fruits, spiced cherry, gingersnap, black tea and candied walnuts. There is purity here evocative of fresh mountain air and a vibrancy to the palate that is taught and tensile.

Harvest Dates:

September 17 to October 11, 2009

Composition:

Dijon 667, 114 and ASW2

Vinification:

Hand harvested and hand sorted
Fermented in 75% wooden and 25% stainless steel open top tanks
Whole cluster contribution = 11%
Up to two punch-downs per day
Indigenous yeast fermentation
Total tank time 25 days

Cooperage:

50% new French oak
Sirugue, Francois Freres and Mercurey barrels
Total barrel aging = 11 months, with an additional 4 months for 1/3 of blend

Bottling:

February, 2011
Unfined and partially filtered

