

TERRA VALENTINE



2010 MARRIAGE



Vintage:

In 2010 rainfall returned after three dry years, pushed bud break, flowering and fruit-set back by at least two weeks at the front end of the growing season, and due to the cloud cover, there was no frost damage. The cool early summer growing season coupled with the unexpected heat spikes in the late summer resulted in a late and shortened harvest with lower yields.

Vintners were excited about what they were tasting from the vineyards--concentrated flavors that will materialize into elegant, structured wines, almost European in style.

Vineyard:

Terra Valentine sources from two estate vineyards that capture the best of Spring Mountain District winegrowing: The Wurtele Vineyard and the Yverdon Vineyard. They are distinguished by a diversity of mountain terrain and vines that are well adapted to the environment. While the mountain sites present challenges – including accessibility, diversity of soils, ripening, and hand labor – they reward the effort in wine filled with intense flavor and color. Each vineyard, with a unique set of soils, exposures, and microclimates, produces a wine of distinction and personality reflecting the terroir of the estate.

Tasting:

Bright boysenberry, cedar, black pepper with kirsch, caramel and graphite notes. Round elegant red fruit on the palate with cocoa espresso notes for a bright and balanced finish.

Composition:

Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot

Barrel Regime:

22 months in 100% French oak of which 50% were new

Harvest Dates:

November 20th-21st

Bottling:

477 cases

Vinification:

Average of 16 days on skins, with a 3 day cold soak pre fermentation

Bottled on August 22nd, 2012

Retail:

\$90.00 - 750ml

Available in large formats

Aging: 2014 - 2022

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