

Cielos

ARTIST SERIES 2013

Blend:

61% Grenache
22% Tempranillo
17% Cabernet Sauvignon

Alcohol: 14.9% abv **TA:** 6.45 g/L **pH:** 3.57

Case Production: 215 cases

Date Bottled: 5/13/2015

Grape Source(s):

Grenache: Fountain Vineyard Horse Heaven Hills AVA, WA
Tempranillo: Knolls Vineyard, Victor, CA
Cabernet Sauvignon: Les Collines Vineyard, Walla Walla AVA, WA

Aging: 17 months in barrel

56% neutral French
44% new American (Kentucky)

Winemaker Notes: The idea for this blend came to Aaron at the last minute during our blending trials. It was one of those moments of true inspiration that lead to this beautiful wine and the moment he put it in a glass, we knew we had something special. In 2013, our Grenache grapes came in from Washington State with the ideal chemistry for making a Spanish style wine. Very ripe red fruit flavors, high alcohol, and high acidity made it the perfect candidate for blending with our lower acid, dark fruit Tempranillo from California. We then added some of our Washington Cabernet Sauvignon to round out the wine for a bold final blend. We kept the varietals separate for 9 months and, after assembling the blend, aged an additional 8 months before bottling.

Tasting Notes: Our Spanish inspired Artist Series blend has big and layered ripe red fruit; a soft, round mid-pallet; and a complex level of cocoa, vanilla, and spice.

A special thank you to Allen Bunker for partnering with us on the special wine. His painting "When I Dream" transports us to Spain.

Awards:

Double Gold - 2016 San Francisco International Wine Competition - 96 Points
Silver - 2016 Los Angeles International Wine Competition

Pairing Suggestions:

- Paella
- Albondigas (Spanish Meatballs)
- Empanadas
- Cheese: Cotswold, Dubliner, Manchego, or Havarti

Price: \$30.00

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