

Ned Said Red 2013

Blend:

70% Cabernet Franc
15% Cabernet Sauvignon
15% Merlot

Alcohol: 14.2% TA: 6.38 g/L Ph: 3.71

Case Production: 675 Cases

Grape Source(s):

Cabernet Franc: Six Prong Vineyard, Horse Heaven Hills AVA, WA
Cabernet Sauvignon: 11% Les Collines Vineyard, Walla Walla AVA, WA and
3% Boushey Vineyard, Yakima Valley AVA, WA
Merlot: Two Mountain Vineyard, Yakima Valley AVA, WA

Aging: 18 months in barrel

61% New French, 14% 1 year French, 14% New American (Kentucky), 11% 1 year American

Winemaker Notes: When Bettina retired from her career at Fidelity Investments and bought Cellardoor Winery, her former employer, Ned asked her to make him a red wine. When we think of Ned saying "red," we envision a sophisticated red Bordeaux blend. To create this blend, we like to start with Cabernet franc and Merlot, then work from there. 2013 was a wonderful vintage in Washington - hot to start with moderate temperatures to finish and a typical diurnal flux of hot days and cool nights to retain the natural acidity in the grapes. Both the Cabernet franc and Merlot came in with moderate sugar and high acid so the blend benefitted greatly from the addition of some Cabernet Sauvignon which came in very ripe with high sugars from both vineyards we worked with. For ageing, we chose mostly new and 1 year French barrels for the classic vanilla aromas, with a little new and 1 year Kentucky American for added tannin structure and a touch of cocoa.

Tasting Notes: This Bordeaux inspired blend has layers of red fruit, hints of anise and cigar.

Awards:

Best Bordeaux Blend - Double Gold - 2017 New York World Wine & Spirits Competition
Gold - 2017 Great American International Wine Competition
Silver - 2017 San Francisco International Wine Competition
Silver - 2016 Winemaker Challenge - 89 points
Silver - 2016 Finger Lakes International Wine Competition

Pairing Suggestions:

- Steak au poivre
- Roasted chicken in a mushroom jus
- Wild boar
- Lamb lollipop

Price: \$26.00

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