

*Puerto Viejo*

2014

**Blend:**

59% Garnacha

19% Syrah

13% Cabernet Sauvignon

9% Merlot

**Alcohol:** 14.4% abv **TA:** 5.78 g/L **pH:** 3.73

**Case Production:** 838 cases

**Grape Source(s):**

Garnacha: Six Prong Vineyard, Horse Heaven Hills AVA, WA

Syrah: Echo Ridge Vineyard, Walla Walla Valley AVA, WA

Merlot: Les Collines Vineyard, Walla Walla Valley AVA, WA

Cab Sauvignon: Gilbert Vineyards, Horse Heaven Hills AVA, WA

**Aging:** 17 months in barrel: 50% new French, 30% new American, 20% used

**Winemaker Notes:** 2014 broke records for highest temps in eastern Washington, and this record heat brought our grapes to their maximum ripeness while eastern Washington's usual dramatic swings between daytime highs and nighttime lows allowed our grapes to preserve ideal acidity. Our inspiration for this wine was the wines of Priorat, Spain. The base of this blend is Garnacha which finished with surprisingly moderate alcohol given the hot vintage. After 9 months of aging in separate barrels, we then blended in our very ripe Syrah and Cabernet Sauvignon for some heft and backbone. For a final touch, we added in a bit of soft Walla Walla Merlot to round out the blend. Given the hot vintage and ripe flavors, we chose to age the blend in a large percentage of new oak for added complexity.

**Tasting Notes:** Rich and aromatic with black raspberry and cigar box on the nose, fruit and spice on the palate, cedar in the finish.

**Awards:**

Double Gold - 2018 San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition

Gold - 2018 San Francisco International Wine Competition (92 Points)

Gold - 2017 Finger Lakes International Wine Competition

Gold - 2018 Vinalies Internationales Paris

Gold - 2018 Critic's Challenge (93 Points)

**Pairing Suggestions:**

- Charcuterie plate
- Spanish tapas
- Bouillabaisse

**Price:** \$24.00

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